

Town of Knox, NY 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update: Public Survey Results

Text Responses and Comments

**Q. 5: What are 3 positive features that you value about living in Knox?**

19th century houses & barns

20 minutes to super grocery stores

3-5 acres to build housing.

Able to purchase enough land for privacy

Access to local govt. and services (transfer station, highway maintenance)

Access to State land

Accessible to Albany

Accessible to highways, byways

Active

Affordable

Affordable land

Agricultural setting

agriculture

agriculture

Air quality

Air quality

Ancestral Dutch area entire family members still here

Availability of Town Supervisor

Balance in farm & our transfer station

beautiful

Beautiful

BEAUTIFUL AREA

Beautiful country setting

Beautiful countryside

Beautiful environment

Beautiful Land

Beautiful landscape

Beautiful Rural Environment

beautiful scenery

Beautiful views

beautiful views

Beauty

Beauty

beauty

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Beauty of countryside

beauty of nature/fresh air

Beauty of the area

being left alone

Being out of the city

Best place to live

Cheap taxes  
Church is close by  
Clean  
Clean air  
Clean Air  
Clean air  
clean air  
Clean air  
Clean air  
Clean air & water  
Clean air & water  
Clean air, safe water  
Clean water  
Clean water  
Close enough to city needs, but not too close.  
Close enough to services  
close knit community  
Close net community  
Close proximity to employment & services (medical, etc.)  
Close to Albany, but far enough away  
Close to Albany/Saratoga/Schenectady/Troy  
Close to big cities  
Close to city  
Close to work  
Common sense government  
Community  
Community  
Community  
Community  
Community  
Community - Rural  
Community spirit  
Cooler summers  
Cooperative community  
Country  
country  
country  
Country  
Country  
Country atmosphere  
Country atmosphere  
country atmosphere  
Country life  
Country living  
Country living  
Country living  
Country living

country living  
country living  
Country living  
Country living  
Country peace & quiet  
country rural feel  
Country setting  
Country Setting  
Country Setting  
Country setting  
Country, rural area, can keep my horse here.  
Countryside  
Countryside  
Creative, resourceful people  
Dark  
dark skies  
Darker night skies  
Distance between homes  
Distance between properties  
Drinking water quality  
Dump  
Dutch Reformed Church holding community together for all especially our elder population  
Easy access to metro area  
effective snow removal  
Fairly close to conveniences  
Family homestead  
Farm animals  
Farmers  
Farming  
Farms  
Farms  
Farms and open space  
few laws/oversight from Town Board/Committees  
Forever wild lands  
Freedom  
Fresh air  
Fresh air  
Fresh air  
fresh air  
Fresh air & water  
fresh air + water  
Fresh air, clean water, open space  
Friendliness  
Friendliness  
Friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly

Friendly & helpful neighbors  
friendly community  
Friendly neighbors  
Friendly neighbors  
friendly neighbors  
Friendly neighbors  
Friendly neighbors  
Friendly people  
friendly people  
friendly people and good neighbors  
friendly people that look after each other  
friendly/respectful neighbors  
good country living  
Good friends  
Good friends  
good government  
Good highway services  
Good moral atmosphere  
good neighbors  
Good Neighbors  
Good people  
Good place to put down roots  
Good road crews  
good road maintenance  
Good road maintenance  
Good roads  
Good schools  
Good transfer station  
Got to live someplace  
Having a summer home, none other.  
helpful neighbors  
Historic area where have much heritage to connect to daily  
History  
History  
Home  
Home for generations  
Honest government  
I feel free, unencumbered by unnecessary regulations  
I feel safe going outside  
I know a lot of people.  
I know who my neighbors are  
I love the small town feel  
Independent people  
Independent thinking people  
Intercommunity  
Isolation  
It's home

It's quiet  
It's still country, mostly undeveloped  
Kindness of the people  
Know your neighbor - small town atmosphere  
Knowing the residents  
Knowing your neighbors!  
Knox museum  
Lack of big box stores  
Lack of traffic  
Land & trees  
Landscape  
large lots sizes- 3 acres plus  
Larger property size possible  
Less traffic  
Light traffic  
Like the town the way it is  
Local Government has the best interests of the community in mind  
Lots of space  
Low crime  
Low crime  
low density  
Low noise levels  
Low population  
Low population density  
Low population density  
Low population density  
Low population levels  
Low taxes  
low taxes  
Low taxes  
Low taxes  
Low taxes  
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low taxes  
Low taxes??  
Low town taxes  
Minimal pollution  
Minimal regulations  
Mixture of various ecotypes - woods, fields, marshes, ponds  
Moderate town taxes  
more freedom  
Mountainous terrain  
My church  
My friends  
My life long home

Natural areas (trees, fields, etc.)  
Natural beauty of agricultural and open spaces  
natural setting  
Natural surroundings  
Nature  
Nature  
Nature  
Nature  
Nearness to family  
Neighborliness  
Neighbors  
Neighbors  
Neighbors are not close by  
Neighbors at a good distance  
neighbors help in times of need, but stay out of each others way otherwise  
Neighbors working to protect those values  
Nice People  
Nice people  
nice people  
Nice scenery  
Nice, friendly neighbors, not too nosy.  
No commercial feel  
No crime  
No crime to speak of  
No light pollution  
no neighbors  
No traffic; peace & quiet  
Nobody cares what I am doing.  
None  
Not congested  
Not crowded  
Not many town restrictions  
Not too much traffic  
numerous natural areas for hiking  
Octagon Barn/community  
Ongoing agriculture  
Open government  
Open land  
Open space  
Open space  
Open space  
Open space  
Open space  
open space  
Open space  
Open space  
Open space



Privacy

Privacy

Privacy

Privacy

Privacy because of having 14+ acres

Private

Private

private-peaceful

Prompt respond of the police and fire departments

proximity to capital district

Proximity to cities/markets

Proximity to Metropolitan Areas

Proximity to Thacher Park

Proximity to Tri-cities

Quaint

Quiet

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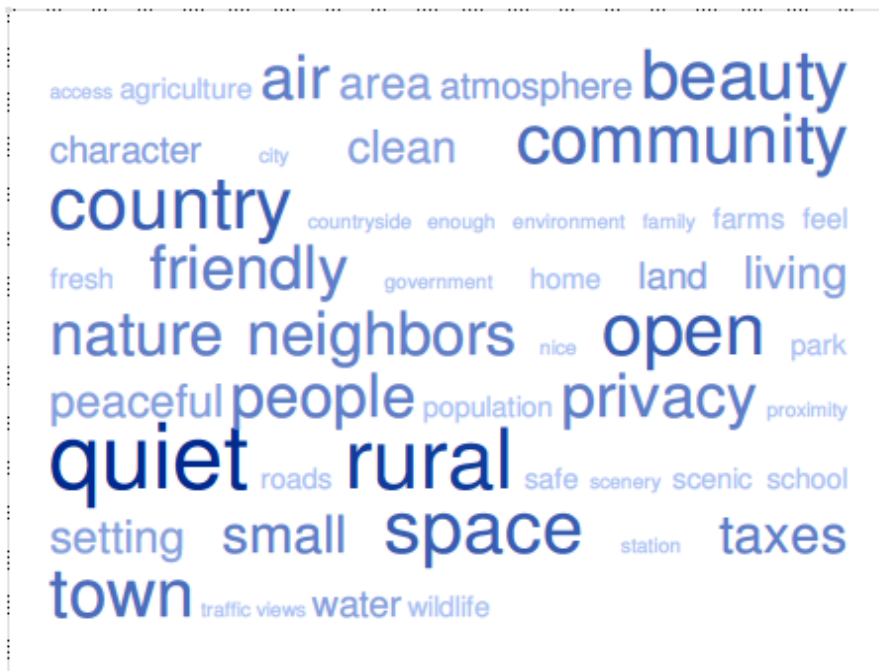




Rural  
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Rural  
rural outdoor lifestyle  
Rural & scenic  
Rural area (so far)  
Rural atmosphere  
Rural atmosphere  
RURAL BUT CLOSE ENOUGH TO SUBURBS/ALBANY  
Rural but close to shopping  
Rural but still within driving distance to shops  
Rural character  
Rural character  
Rural character  
Rural character  
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Rural character  
rural character  
Rural character  
Rural character (agriculture, forests)  
Rural environment  
Rural environment/  
Rural landscapes incl. the Town Park - awesome park!  
Rural lifestyle  
Rural living  
Rural Nature  
rural nature  
Rural nature/ greenspace/nature and preserves  
Rural setting  
Rural Setting  
Rural setting  
Rural setting with wildlife  
Rural values  
Rural yet close to town  
Safe  
Safe  
Safe air & drinking water  
Safe roads  
Safe to walk/ride on roadways with limited traffic  
Scenery  
Scenery & undeveloped open space on main roads as well as back roads  
Scenery (views)  
Scenic  
Scenic  
Scenic beauty

Scenic hilly vistas  
Scenic views  
Scenic views  
Scenic vistas  
school community  
School district  
School district  
School system  
Schools  
Seasons  
Secluded  
Security  
Seeing stars at night  
Sense of community  
sense of community  
Sense of community  
Sense of Community, support for each other  
Small community, good transfer station  
Small town  
Small town  
small town  
Small town  
Small town  
Small town  
Small town  
Small town atmosphere  
Small town community  
Small town community feel  
Small town feel  
Small town flavor  
Solid community  
Solitude  
Solitude  
Some of the people  
Somewhat low taxes  
Space  
Space  
Space  
space  
Space  
Space  
Space  
Space  
Space between houses  
Summer!  
The beauty  
The community school is small  
The country  
The country I value most.

The environment  
The environment  
The fact gas is cheap  
The fact no one is friendly  
The fact that the population is small.  
The fact there is no business in town  
The nature & beauty on my land  
The occasional quiet  
The open space we have.  
The people  
The quiet  
The rural beauty.  
The rural nature  
The safety of the area  
the space (homes far apart)  
The Town rules are not over regulated  
The Transfer Station  
The woodlands and farms.  
Town Park  
town park  
Tranquility  
Trees  
Uncongested roads  
Uncrowded  
Undeveloped  
Undeveloped  
Unspoiled  
Very well kept and maintained park  
views  
Village  
We value the peace  
Welcoming Community  
wildlife  
Wildlife  
Wildlife  
Wildlife  
Wildlife  
wildlife-birds, deer, turkeys  
Wonderful history  
Woodlands  
woods



**Q. 6: What are 3 negative issues or threats that you feel face Knox now?**

- abandoned buildings on main street
- Activities related to fossil fuel use
- Adequate tax base
- Administering new ventures that will raise taxes for everyone but benefit few!
- Amendment 21
- Anti business
- Anti-wind energy goons
- apathy of a commuter community
- Appointed persons to town boards
- as we get older, as of now, there is no place to get groceries
- attitude of new people moving here
- ATVs trespassing on my land and on nature preserves
- Bad roads (pot holes)
- Becoming too political
- Beneficial business (mom & pop store, gas station)
- Better water source
- Big box stores?
- Big money buying property
- bigger city/town thinking
- Broader tax base
- Budget cuts to schools
- Business/Traffic development that will cause traffic
- Businesses
- Businesses not encouraged
- C&D dumping on Rt. 156

Certain homes badly in need of repair (eyesore)  
Change  
Changes to zoning laws  
Children to adults leaving  
City people moving in  
Civil rights  
Cleaning up abandoned vehicles!  
Commercial Development  
Constant bickering between political parties  
continued deforestation  
Convenient stores.  
convenience store  
Cost of the school system because of mandates  
Current government  
Currently no medical facilities  
Dead end roads are not serviced by TW  
declining agricultural business  
Declining businesses  
decreased property value  
Decreasing farms  
deep ditches along roads are growing full of large weeds  
Democratic Party  
Dependence on fossil fuels  
Dependence on unhealthy, expensive foods  
Desire to seek industry and large commercial operations  
desolate/abandoned town - dismal emptiness  
Deteriorated quality of education which impacts home values  
Deteriorating village center  
Development  
Development  
Development of businesses in hamlet that would cause noise such as motorcycle shop  
Developments  
Difficulty obtaining services such as gas and groceries locally  
Dilapidated structures  
distance to drive to stores, doctor appts. etc  
distance to work  
Division of large lots for housing  
Divisive politics  
Do not feel it is business friendly  
Do not feel it is open enough to consider a business  
Drinking water  
Drugs/crime  
Empty homes  
Encroachment of commercial business  
Environmental degradation  
environmental threats  
Excessive subdivision

Extinction  
farmer hardship  
Farming becoming obsolete  
Few social opportunities  
Fracking  
Fracking  
fracking  
Fracking  
Fracking  
Fracking  
Fracking  
fracking  
Fracking  
Fracking  
Fracking (Westerlo)  
Fracking potential  
Fracking?  
frequent gun shots  
Future- water availability  
gas station  
Geography makes some things difficult (natural gas, other internet providers)  
Ghost town  
GMO agriculture  
gmo farm crops, roundup, and pesticides  
GMOs & pesticides polluting water supplies, disrupting wildlife, killing bees  
Gossip  
Government intervention  
Gov't bodies composed predominantly of gov't employees  
Growing larger  
Growth  
Hardship for farm owners  
Have to drive off mountain for everything  
high energy prices (gas for commuters, heat)  
High health care costs w/ obesity epidemic, bad eating habits & diets  
High school taxes  
High school taxes  
High school taxes  
High school taxes (too many families moving to town)  
High taxes  
High taxes  
High taxes  
High taxes  
high taxes  
High town taxes  
higher county/town taxes  
higher school taxes  
Higher Taxes

higher taxes?

House resale

Housing developments

Hydro fracking

hydrofracking

Hydrofracking

hydro-fracking

Hydrofracking!

I'm concerned these surveys may lead to over regulations

increase in laws/oversight from town committees

Increase in people from elsewhere

Increase of taxes - to cover unnecessary regulations. We've run a careful, tight government, hope this continues

Increased night time light

Increasing property taxes

Ineffective town officials

Influx of business

Influx of land development

Intrusion by others that will change the country setting

Isolation

Isolation

Issues with commercial zoning

Job opportunities

junk in some yards

Junk yards

Knox is being economically devastated by loss of US post office, its country store, gas station

Knox, I'm busy!, too much so for all this...Most questions here are way out of what should be asked. Much of this is communism, NOT free market...free people.

lack is public sewage system

Lack of a gas station

Lack of a gas station

lack of a general store/gas station

Lack of a noise ordinance

Lack of a post office

Lack of a store

Lack of a store

Lack of a tax base

Lack of attention to ecological issues

Lack of business

lack of business

Lack of business

lack of business

Lack of business and work opportunities

Lack of business tax base

Lack of business tax base

Lack of business to help with taxes

lack of businesses

Lack of businesses



Lack of businesses & taxes  
Lack of central business area  
Lack of code enforcement on neglected properties  
lack of commercial development  
Lack of commercial enterprises  
Lack of community infrastructure  
Lack of convenience  
Lack of decent cell phone service  
Lack of development  
Lack of diversity among political party  
Lack of enforcement of building requirements  
Lack of enforcement of regulations in place  
Lack of enforcement of zoning  
Lack of forward thinking  
Lack of gas energy  
Lack of General Store  
lack of high achieving school district  
Lack of high speed internet (reliable, inexpensive)  
Lack of internet access to individual homes  
Lack of local business tax base  
Lack of local gas station  
Lack of Post Office  
Lack of Post Office  
Lack of public water supply  
Lack of respect  
lack of respect for zoning laws and other town ordinances  
lack of restrictive zoning rules  
Lack of services  
Lack of services  
Lack of services  
Lack of services to all residents - cable, internet, etc.  
Lack of sewage treatment  
lack of small business  
Lack of small businesses  
Lack of small businesses  
Lack of snow removal outside core hours  
Lack of store  
lack of stores for basic needs  
Lack of support for business  
Lack of water  
Lack opportunities for young people  
Lack public transportation for Seniors  
land grabs  
Land tax  
Large or chain store encroachment  
Laws are very vague!  
less monopoly of cell and internet service

Lessening of zoning laws  
Liberal environmental agendas  
light pollution  
Limited/difficult economic opportunities to allow people to maintain their chosen lifestyle  
Litter along the roads.  
Littering Town highways  
Little business  
Little employment  
Local government  
Local government  
Local kiosk for bread, milk, gas & newspapers  
Long term effects of road salt on foliage & water wells  
Losing the small school system  
loss of agricultural base  
loss of agricultural land  
Loss of country store & gas station  
Loss of family farmsteads  
Loss of farmland  
Loss of farmland  
Loss of Farms  
Loss of lands to decreased agriculture and higher taxes  
loss of open space  
Loss of population due to withering of the Town  
Loss of sense of community broke up by families taxed heavily leaving the area abandoning their elders who are w/o resources in hilltowns  
Loss of village center  
Loud motorcycles  
Low income  
Low school ratings  
Minimal convenience  
Minimal services  
minimal veterans benefits  
modern/safe playground and closing local taverns  
More regulation  
Need for town water and septic  
Need grocery store  
Need more town events - town park  
Need some small businesses in town like gas, food etc.  
Need speed limits on town roads  
Need supermarket  
Need to have limits of time for public offices - too long gets stale.  
Need to increase commercial tax base while not sacrificing the rural aura  
Negative business opportunities  
Neighbors that complain  
NIMBYism  
No "corner store"  
No available store or gas station here

No beauty parlor  
No business  
No business  
No business  
No business  
No business - we can collect \$ from their sales tax  
No business district  
No business for tax base  
No business/convenience store, bank, gas  
no businesses  
No Businesses  
No businesses  
No businesses  
No businesses  
No businesses  
No businesses - people wanting to move closer to suburbs  
No businesses (i.e. gas stations or small grocer)  
No businesses to hold the tax base  
No businesses, no gas stations, no stores  
No cable  
No commercial business  
No commercial business, ex. gas, groceries, PO  
No conveniences  
No conveniences  
No decibel limit in town  
No developed town center  
no economic development plan  
no gas  
No gas station  
no gas station  
No gas station  
No gas station  
No gas station in town  
No gas stations  
No gas/convenience store  
No good telephone connection  
No growth  
No growth  
No gym or formal place to exercise  
No high speed internet  
No internet  
No library  
No life in "town"  
No little store  
No local business  
No local services  
No local shopping

No local store (Stewart's)  
No natural gas available/ high heating costs  
No needed store facilities  
No openness to development  
no place to get your vehicle inspected  
No post office  
No post office  
No post office  
No post office  
no post office  
No real town center  
No senior services support  
no services  
No services  
No small store - gas station  
No Stewarts or Cumberland Farms  
no store  
No store  
No store  
No store  
No store  
no store  
No store  
No store  
No store  
No store in town  
No store or gas station  
No store to pick up milk  
No stores  
no stores  
No stores nearby for a quick pick-up, i.e. bread, etc.  
No stores or gas stations  
No stores or local services  
No tax base (business)  
No town store  
No transportation (bus, etc.)  
No water & sewer system (townwide)  
no zoning enforcement  
No/low business income  
noise  
noisy off-road vehicles  
Non-welcoming of businesses  
Not enforcing noise ordinances  
nothing for kids to do  
Nothing in the village (stores, gas station, post office)  
Nothing in the village (stores, gas station, post office)  
Nothing to do

NYS taxes  
Operation costs/increase  
Our town is gone! PLEASE bring our town back.  
Over building  
Over building. Too many homes  
Over restrictions on farming  
Overbuilding in certain areas  
Overdevelopment  
Overdevelopment  
Overdevelopment  
Overdevelopment  
Overdevelopment.  
overly aggressive pro-business feelings  
Overpopulation  
Overtaxation  
park needs updating  
people forcing their views on to us  
People from outside the town using transfer station  
People moving out because of high taxes  
People not being able to keep up property  
People not understanding the country way of living  
People that want to turn it into the suburbs  
People willfully violating Town laws  
People with non-forward thinking  
pipe line expanding  
Pollution  
Pollution of drinking water  
poor management at bkw and dropping enrollment  
Population growth  
Possibility of development  
possibility of overdevelopment  
possible higher taxes  
Potential for cell towers to ruin the viewshed  
Potential for commercial encroachment  
Potential higher land and school taxes  
Power outage  
Prices to live so far out of city  
Problems on main roads outside of Business District 1  
property tax / school tax / The State Of New York  
Property tax increases  
property taxes  
Push for industrial wind turbines  
Quality of schools  
Resulting in higher taxes for locals w less a fixed income  
Rising taxes  
Rising taxes

Roads  
Roads  
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Roads need repairing  
Same political party in charge  
School district  
School District  
School district failing  
School district seems to be in chaos  
school issues, i.e. disruptive student behavior  
School system starting to degrade  
School taxes  
Scofflaw development, e.g. Hitman Towing  
Senior services  
Shrinking School Budget  
Sloppy houses  
Slow but sure chopping up of farmland and open space  
Slow response time when calling 911  
Some Town employees don't return phone calls  
Speeders  
sprawl  
Sprawl  
State mandates  
Stores  
Storms  
Suburban development  
Taxes  
Taxes  
Taxes being raised too high (affects property values)  
Taxes going up because people can't afford to live here  
Taxes going up, no other negatives  
Telling us how to live  
Thacher Park activity  
That progress will be confused with expansion.  
That the growth of the town and community will ruin the character of the community, like Glenville, Clifton Park and Latham.  
The \* who mind other people's business that doesn't concern them.  
The abandoned buildings  
The apparent desire of some for unrestricted development.  
The apparent need to make Knox another Colonie or Clifton park  
The current Town Board  
The elected officials  
The environment  
The feeling of community is gone  
The Hamlet on Rte 156 needs a store and possibly a restaurant  
The my way or the highway  
The people  
The SAFE act

Then (big money) wanting Guilderland gov't services

There are no stores in Knox, it is like a ghost town, very inconvenient if you need something. Must get stores.

There is no business tax base

Threat - potential fracking!! & other ecological threats

Threat by pipelines or fracking possibly coming through to contaminate our shallow wells and karst region which is documented to be extremely porous and high susceptibility to destroying the hamlet

Threat to water supplies by higher density usages

To much regulation

Too many new houses

Too many people leaving

Too many regulations

too many restrictions by town government

Too much fast truck traffic on Rt. 156

Tornadoes

Town Board

Town board "treading water," resistant to change business and seemingly uninterested in public input

Town Board against change

Town disappearing

Town gov. does not encourage community input

town government has its own agenda

town hall meetings out of control-safety threat

Traffic

Travel to services

Trespassing hunters

Unable to have Time Warner Cable

Uncontrolled business development

Uncontrolled residential development

under development of business/tax base

unfair enforcement of zoning ordinance

Unfriendly business climate

Unfriendly to businesses

unknown people shooting guns around home

Unknowns of fracking

Unregulated trailer parks lowering property values & negative effect on quality of life

Unsightly properties, e.g. corner of Witter Rd & Rt. 146

want of foresight

want of foresight

Wanting to put in multiple dwellings (i.e. apartments, etc.) or housing developments

Water quality

Water table contamination

Way too much government

Winter

Winter

Winter highways

Younger generation leaving the Hilltowns

Zoning

Zoning issues



**Q. 7: What 3 words or phrases describe what you hope Knox will be like in 15 years?**

\* free

A better main street

A business area, small but of real value to the community.

A business district

A community which cares for its members

A developed commercial area

A few businesses for basics like gas & food, need high speed internet

A great place for all ages.

A little more developed

A little more services

A little more stores

a place much the same as it is today with an improved school district

A planned residential area for senior housing

A quiet environment

A REAL town with gas, groceries, a post office, barber shop

A rural atmosphere.

A safe place to raise children with a good school district

A small store located somewhere in town ( Stewarts)

A store and post office

active

active, thriving town

Affordable housing for young couples and seniors.

Agricultural

Agricultural

Agricultural



Agricultural

Agricultural

Alive!! Fun.

all existing businesses given permit made legal

allow small business and lawyer, eye doc, dentist, vet clinic, you know? SERVICES!

As close to the same as possible

At least a Stewart's

at least as many farmers as there are now

Beautiful

BEAUTIFUL

Beautiful landscape

Become more self sufficient through agriculture

Become well known for its 'From the Farm'

Better education

Better education system

Better schools

Better schools!

Better spellers! Still quiet

Better than now

Better than now

Better Town Board

Bucolic

Business friendly

Business friendly

Businesses

Businesses

Clean

Clean

Clean

Clean air

Cleaned up properties

cleaner

Cleaner water

Clearer laws of ordinance on noise

Close knit community

Community

Community

community sensitive

Complete bedroom community

continued rural farmtown character

Controlled development of the Town

Controlled growth

Convenient

Country

Country

Country

Country living  
Country, no housing developments!  
dark skies  
Decibel limit in place.  
develop system for road litter  
Developing farms  
different  
Don't regulate our lives and be a good neighbor  
downtown with businesses  
easy to live/operate a business/ farm  
Elder care housing and increased resources  
Enforcement of zoning rules to keep businesses confined to certain areas.  
Environmentally clean & safe  
environmentally safe  
Established community center  
Exactly the same  
Family Friendly  
Family friendly  
Farm friendly  
farm friendly  
Farmer friendly  
Farming community  
Farmland  
farmland  
Fewer rundown/abandoned buildings  
For #6 (negative issues) to improve.  
forest preserves  
Forever wild lands  
Forward-looking and entrepreneurial  
Free of fracking and any threat of pollution  
Freedom  
Friendlier (Question too vague)  
Friendly  
friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly  
friendly  
fun  
Gas station  
Golf course  
Good for families  
Good school district  
Government that is truly open and responsive  
Greater use of Lakes and camping areas by seasonal visitors and an area for local residence on the lake  
Green  
Grow  
Growing

Growing

Growing food for local consumption

hamlet of small businesses

Have a solid communications infrastructure

Healthful air, water, food, renewable energy

Home

Home sweet home

Hope BKW doesn't close.

Hopefully public transportation

I don't think it will be much different.

Improve the hamlet

Improved education system

Improved services (trash collection)

increased agricultural business

Increasing country stores

Interest in living in this area

Interesting & useful businesses

Junk areas cleaned

Just like today

Just the same, but a few good shops

keep it rural

Kind

Kiosk (for bread, milk, gas & newspapers)

Knowing your neighbors

Known to be clean and welcome.

Knox will keep its 'country' identity

Large business districts

Less costly to run the school system

Less Gov't intervention

Less politics

Less restrictive government

Like it is now

Like it is today

Like it was 20 years ago - store, gas station

Like it was 30+ years ago, businesses, gas station, store, post office, roller rink

Limited government

Little residential growth

Lively village

living in senior housing in the town I have lived all my life

Local senior & special needs assistance

Looks the same

Low crime

Low crime

Low density population

Low industry growth

Low taxes

low taxes

Lower taxes  
Lower Taxes  
Maintain distance between homes  
Maintain rural character  
Maintain rural community while increasing business opportunities  
Maintain safe roads  
Minimal development  
Minimal growth and continued rural development  
Modern  
Modern  
More accepting and respectful of all  
More actively managed community  
More activities  
More advanced schooling  
More business  
More business  
More business  
More business friendly  
More businesses  
More businesses & lower taxes  
More businesses and eateries within the town itself  
more businesses and maintain rural character  
More commerce in the area, locally owned  
More conveniences  
More developed  
More families moving in - not out!  
More farming  
More friendly  
More historic music events/concerts on green/walking groups - simple things to recreate community and appreciation of outdoor beauty of Knox  
More inclusive, open for business  
More like it was when we chose to move here 8 years ago  
More local commerce  
More mass transit to urban areas  
More non-farm open space preserved or set aside  
More people  
More productive in farming  
More progressive  
more service and convenience businesses  
More small businesses  
more small businesses  
More things to see and do  
Mostly agricultural  
much  
Much as it is now  
Much the same in terms of land use.  
Natural

Natural  
Need gas station  
Neighborly  
Neighbors who value that Rural Character  
New people  
no dense development  
No fracking  
No fracking!  
No GMO agriculture  
No housing developments  
No hydrofracking  
no significant changes to rural quality  
Non-industrial  
not  
NOT A BEDROOM COMMUNITY  
Not a ghost town  
Not like the suburbs  
Not much different than today  
not over populated  
Not overly developed  
Open  
Open  
Open space  
open space  
Open space  
Open Space  
Opportunity  
orderly development  
Outdoor life, fishing hunting, snowmobiles, park, personal freedom  
Pastoral  
Peaceful  
Peaceful  
peaceful  
Peaceful  
peaceful  
People friendly  
Preservation of rural community  
Preserve forested land  
Preserve rural land  
pristine  
Private  
probably won't be here  
Progressive  
Prosper  
Prosperous  
Prosperous  
Prosperous

Protect farmland

Quaint

Quiet

Quiet

quiet

Quiet

QUIET

Quiet

quiet

Quiet

Quiet

Quiet

Quiet

quiet

Quiet

quiet

Quiet

quiet

Quiet

Quiet/rural but with local access to produce, food, necessities

rehabilitated and vibrant hamlets

Re-invigorated

relaxing

Remaining rural

Residential

RESPONSIBLE growth while maintaining environmental care & safety

Restored downtown center

retain country atmosphere

retain rural character with carefully planned development

Retaining its rural flavor

Revitalized hamlet with lovely surrounding farmlands.

roads in good repair and clean

Room for small businesses to develop

Rural

Rural

Rural

Rural

Rural

Rural

rural

Rural

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Rural

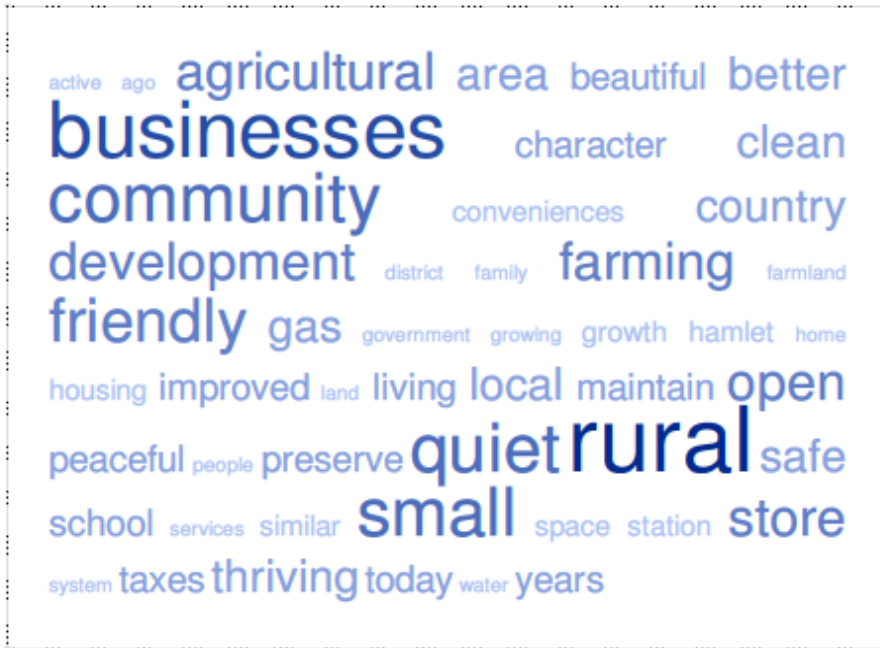
Rural

Rural  
rural  
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Rural  
Rural & agricultural  
Rural & open lands  
Rural & scenic  
RURAL BUT CLOSE ENOUGH TO SUBURBS/ALBANY  
Rural but economically productive, inviting, rural,  
Rural farming community  
Rural with small mom & pop businesses  
rural/agricultural  
safe  
Safe  
safe  
Safe  
Safe water  
Same  
Same  
Same  
Same  
Same  
Same  
Same  
Same  
Same  
Same as it was when I moved here 37 years ago  
Same as now  
Same as now  
Same as today with less government regulation  
Same as today with slower growth  
Same country setting  
Same or similar to now  
scenic  
Scenic  
Sensible laws, no "over-regulation"  
Similar as today  
Similar in feel  
similar to now but with a few more conveniences and amenities  
Similar to now, but with some small businesses  
Similar to what it is currently  
slightly more gentrified  
Small  
Small business

Small business  
Small commercial services  
Small community  
Small farms, nature preserves and taverns saved and promoted.  
Small knit community  
Small thriving business  
small town  
Small town community  
Small town community with local business  
Small town feel with some modern conveniences  
Small town with store that are uniform that can satisfy your needs  
Small village feel  
Solar & wind supplemented  
Solid  
Stabilize tax role so people can stay n there home.i  
Stay a beautiful small town  
Stay rural residential  
Still a pleasant, rural countryside.  
Still agricultural  
Still be rural  
Still beautiful  
Still beautiful  
Still country  
Still countryfied  
Still maintain its rural character  
still open country with fresh air  
Still peaceful  
Still peaceful & quiet  
Still peaceful and beautiful place in the world to grow a family  
Still rural  
Still rural  
Still rural  
Still rural  
Still rural, however a tax base more affordable  
Still scenic with open space  
still supports agriculture  
Store  
Store restored  
Stores  
strong agricultural economy  
The community minded, friendly atmosphere.  
The hamlet re-energized w/ businesses  
The local history preserved  
The same  
The same  
the same  
the same



the same as it is now  
The same rural character where people know each other  
The same with store & gas station  
the same, maybe a Stewarts or gas station available  
The town to be more self sufficient  
The way it was 20 yrs. ago.  
Thriving  
Thriving  
thriving  
Thriving  
Thriving businesses  
Thriving community with local stores and amenities  
thriving farms  
True rural life  
unchanged except the hamlet  
Unchanged.  
Undeveloped  
Undeveloped  
Using renewable energy  
Veteran Friendly  
Vibrant  
Vibrant farming community  
Vitality of a new generation of active young citizens  
Walkable  
Want the next generation to enjoy the same childhood we did  
Water/sewer infrastructure improvements  
why 15 years? why not 1 year or 5 years?  
Wildlife  
Wind power  
Wish Knox was more self-sufficient  
With improved agricultural opportunities  
With slightly more conveniences & amenities  
Younger Town Board



**Q. 9: How important are these (Open Space and the Natural Environment) resources to you?**

Comments:

#C: "Drinking water quality?" Surely this is a joke. Most of the ground water in town, if not all of the water, has so much hardness, iron and even sulfur it doesn't come close to "drinking water." Without some sort of residential water treatment I doubt very few folks in town are actually drinking their well water. How can you rate "drinking water quality" as important when none of the available ground water would currently meet drinking water standards? i

All are very important

all important - if you have business and residential tax base, where you can afford to live here!!!

all of the above

All of these things are important. Are you going to use my answers to inhibit what others do around me?

B & C (Air & Drinking Water quality) Really?

B&C (Air & Drinking Water quality): Really?

C: (Drinking water) Ha! Sulfur

Cemetery, family plots, historic sites

Critically important to protect air & water. We can't survive without them.

Even if water quality is not great (hard, sulfur) its safety MUST be protected. Our air & water safety is critical!

Existing open and forested lands must not be covered or eliminated by housing developments  
Fire and ambulance

Ground water must be healthy. Need to know what is used for road surface treatment & ice & snow.

Neighbors working to protect those resources (Rural Character)

Other (please specify)

protect the environment, but dont bother the farmers

Really everyone wants farms, good air, clean water, forests, lakes, nature, etc, that is a no brainer.

small home towns  
Sounds of nature [birds, running water, etc]  
There is much forested land  
These resources can attract tourism dollars  
This is why we live here. These are our way of life.  
VERY IMPORTANT - prevent fracking!!

We all breathe the air and drink from wells. I would believe most care. How will this info be used.

Why ask questions with such obvious answers?

**Q. 11: What other measures could the Town take to protect open space and the environment?**

"c" Very important/ "d" We're NOT in favor of industry in the Town of Knox at all.  
A little more vigilant on construction without permits/esp. small wetland activity  
A monthly newsletter as a guideline for the residents including instructions.  
Allow "grandfathered" businesses to continue.  
any change in laws should be by vote of property owners, not by town board alone  
Be mindful of protecting water quality - we have private wells, need to be protected  
Buy open space for parks and to protect the environment & don't put cell towers on protected land (LC2).

change zoning laws to encourage cluster development and preserve open space. reduce building setbacks so houses can be built closer to the road and not forced in the middle of a lot.

Conservation easements, cell tower zoning to essentially "hide" the towers from view  
Conservation easements, zoning to shield cell towers from view

Continue partnerships with Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and hold seminar/open house to educate town. Hold a public hearing on hydrofracking and now that the courts upheld localities rights to ban hydrofracking, consider instating a ban

D: Done by State & County  
D: What industries does Knox have?  
Discourage development to keep open areas, Minimal but thoughtful regulation  
Do not allow commercial zoning

Do not promote commercial and industrial uses but allow as appropriate. Being a residence area for off hill industries is not all bad.

Doing good job now.  
Don't know  
Don't want the current town government involved in any of these. They are too self motivated and too controlling.  
Educational material on your website explaining subjects from all sides.

Elimination of gas pipeline expansion, hydrofracking completely and assure public that their water remain as safe as possible for future generations as well as not allow these lg. tractor trailers, dump trucks, cell towers (EMG problems) and windmills in our Town of Knox so that our livestock, grain and food production fields can produce healthy, uncontaminated produce.

Enact stringent outdoor lighting regulations, Reduce salt to protect our wells & roadside trees.  
Encourage farmers to stay

Encourage population growth in clustered developments - retirement "villages" to increase tax base without raising schooling expenses

ENFORCE existing & future regulations.

Enforce local regulations, i.e. get rid of the junk yard on 443 & Line Road as promised by Mr. Hammond 30 years ago.

Enforce noise ordinances, especially motorcycles

Enforcement of laws.

Enforcement of zoning laws needs to be increased. Need to educate farmers how to preserve & restore soil health for more local food production using farming methods that do not pollute the water & soils. GMO Roundup Ready crops require use of toxic Roundup (Glyphosate) which pollutes our fragile (karst) drinking water supply.

Explore adopting a section of State law that provides differing levels of assessment for various lengths development rights restrictions

Fire the Planning Board.

Form a committee on agriculture

Get involved

Ground water must be healthy. Need to be smart about what is used for road surface treatment (& ice & snow).

Have to think about it. Don't need the town to be overbearing but need guidelines to keep this town as is - or better

Help farmers, help business, protect the environment, nobody wants dirty environment, business needs help not regulations! That's why businesses are leaving the area, the state, and the country. Government is driving them away.

How could the town help farmers? The town does not have the knowledge. We have the State ENCON and the FED EPA etc.

I don't think zoning should be dictated by those who don't follow the rules. We are not anti-business; far from it.

Improve recycling instructions & access, provide & instruct residents in composting, gardening, etc.

Increase frequency of hazardous waste collection; Purchase of environmental sensitive areas

Increase lot size for new construction to 5 acres, allow all lots 5 acres + to be agricultural if they so desire without being "for gain" businesses.

Increase lot size to 5 acres

keep taxes low

Knox is going downhill - more business needed. Pathetic!!!

Law against C&D dumping within short distance of main road/within public view

leave it alone its fine ( I think you are looking for problems where none exists)

Let citizens vote on these issues.

Limit big business

Limit new houses

Listen and respond to public input. Process of creating or changing ordinances must be transparent.

Make trailer park owners more accountable! Green Acres Park is a trash heap, dusty entrance road, lack of respect for neighbor properties. NOISE! NOISE! NOISE! Trash all over. Barking dogs.

Monitor the type of building going up, must be uniform and attractive.

No fracking

No fracking, community gardens w/ instruction if needed, monitor runoff of commercial & farming lands into our waterways

No fracking, no industrial usage (i.e. drilling for natural resources). Protect our land & environment!

No wind mills

noise control regulations

None

None

Not sure

Not to put heavy tax so people have to sell their land

Owners to keep their properties clean and maintained. ie. Witter Rd. and Rt. 146.

People should be able to use their land as they see fit as long as it doesn't pollute the environment.

Prohibit fracking

promote appropriate business that would support population to improve quality of life

Promote community / cluster development

Promote tourism & allow more business in homes, farms so people can make a living and retain their larger land acreages.  
Protect water  
Provide a shelter for farm market opportunity  
Publication and dissemination of regs to owners/developers prior to building/development

Publication of and reg dissemination prior to building / development. Fair and across the board regulation enforcement.  
Reasonable enforcement of current laws.  
Reduce taxes on properties that are prevented from sub division development  
Reduced speed limits. Decibel limits on off-road vehicles and on-road vehicles  
Require application and public discussion for major land use changes.  
Restrict industrial use, minimal commercial development

Stop taxing large tracts of vacant woodlands as residential, when they had always been zoned agricultural. Stop being so political and 'loyal' to a party instead of being loyal to your constituency!

Stop wetland designation of unused farmland, stop push for industrial wind turbines  
Tax breaks for large tracts of undeveloped land which consist of wetlands  
There is a need to update and clarify zoning ordinance  
There is enough state and federal regulations  
There should be no industrial business in the town, and only small commercial businesses. No big box!

Town should be proactive in protecting individual homeowners' local environments. Protect peace & quiet. Do not promote noisy industry or trucking operations. Prohibit business or farming that produce bad odor. PROHIBIT cattle, hog, or other animal feed lots, or excessively large dairy operations.

use of renewable energy

We already have zoning regulations; however the boards have not allowed logical use of farmland i.e. nurseries, etc. nor have they been agreeable to uses of property that should be logical - i.e. store, gas station, etc. Village of Knox is a SAD place.  
We have many open spaces  
What other measures could the Town take to protect open space and the environment?  
Work more with Nature Conservancy and other groups protecting the environment.

Work with region, state and perhaps national level to PREVENT/END FRACKING and promote sustainable energy use and conservation.

Yes to # 11 as long as it doesn't go too far

## **Q. 12: What role does Agriculture have in Knox?**

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A big one. It is one of the main veins of the community and should be continued to be supported.

A big role

A huge role, at least it should be that way.

A huge role; keeps open space & provides local produce

A large role

A lot

A main cog in the town's economy

A major role

A major role.

Agriculture is important to the livelihood and well-being to Knox.

Agriculture plays a large role in the look and feel of the town. Without it, we wouldn't have open space.

Allows qualifying properties to participate in NYS Ag. Asses. program

An important one

An important role that needs preservation.  
BACKBONE, should be easier to have a "farm" than it is.  
Convenience for residents & visitors  
Defines the area  
diminishing, unfortunately  
Diminishing, unfortunately.  
Economic, maintaining rural  
Fairly large role due to the number of farms.  
Farm produce  
Farmers in general are the best stewards of the land.  
Farming should be encouraged  
Farms have been here for hundreds of years & should remain.  
Feeding/beautifying the area.  
Gardening, cow farms, chickens  
Good for economy & quality of life  
Hay, corn, Xmas trees

Heavy and is making a comeback. The Amish certainly are looking into our area and have contacted us for lumber as well as land. They restore our old farmhouses/restore the lg. Dutch barns and will bring a new life to the farming community if they continue to be interested in moving in.

Helps to keep it rural and provide some jobs to local kids  
Hope that it will continue to be a farming community.  
Hopefully a large one  
Huge role since there are no other businesses in town!  
Huge, both historically & currently  
I don't consider Knox an agricultural town. It's a suburb.  
I don't know what this question means. I don't know.  
I hope a large role

Important

Important

Important

important business

Important role - part of culture/history

Important. Helps keep open spaces.

Important. Need to lower tax on farms, help them operate.

It has always been important, should continue - although the traditional dairy farms should be replaced by other farming ventures (produce, meat, hay, etc)

It helps feed us.

It helps to preserve open space while providing income.

It is extremely important to maintain the integrity of the community. So it doesn't turn into a overused bedroom community.

It is important because there are quite a few farms that are in Knox and they could use some more support.

It is Knox as it is meant to be.

It is, and should be, the main business.

It plays an important role. The WHOLE town should be zoned agricultural. The town government has no right to tell someone they can't have more than 15 chickens on their 2+ acres. That is one of the laws that doesn't make sense. I live near one person with 1/2 an acre, who can have any number of chickens, however right across the street a home owner with 5+ acres can't because he's zoned residential. STUPID!!! Zoning laws should make sense, many of Knox's do not. Makes residents think very little of those in charge. Can't wait for the next election!!

It preserves open space.

it provides an economic basis to keep land open.

It seems very limited or at least, isn't publicized well. Perhaps list in Altamont Enterprise and offer a constant contact email with new listings of agricultural offerings.

It should remain important  
It's an important aspect  
its important  
Keeping open space; need to provide more food for people, not cows & horses.  
Keeping space open  
Keeping the land in good use.  
keeps family farms running to produce local products  
Keeps land active and preserves vistas  
Keeps land open  
Keeps land open, Could promote local sustainability & economy. Could provide more of our food.  
Keeps land open. Could provide more local food, employment,  
Keeps land used & open, creates employment for a few people  
Keeps lands open - employment  
Keeps large tracts of land from being developed, preserving open space.  
Keeps open land. Maintain wooded areas .  
Keeps open space to grow food, places for wildlife  
Knox has few farms left...however it gives some open spaces.  
land conservancy, sustainable food source, community relationships  
Large  
large  
Large one  
Large role  
Large role  
Larger role, promote small farms  
Less and less as time passes.  
Less each year but still a part of Knox  
Little  
Little to some importance  
Little, as poor soils are a challenge to agriculture.  
Livelihood for some families  
Locally produced food and keeps land undeveloped.  
Main role  
Maintain and protect  
Maintaining open space/rural character; controlling tax growth/creating jobs  
Major  
Major - used to be, not so much anymore.  
Major, and could be greater with integration of agricultural-based businesses.  
Moderate  
moderate  
Most important  
N/A  
Neutral  
None  
None that I know  
Not much  
Not much  
Not much  
not much  
Not sure that there is a significant role.  
Not too much on the east side.  
Owned farmlands within Knox area  
Play an important role, locally grown foods & how they are produced.  
protecting open space, growing food, hopefully providing a living for farmers  
Provides partial income to several families; provides some products for local consumer use [maple syrup, eggs, produce]  
Provides the major industry

Right now, not much - way too few farms!  
Scenery, grow food  
Should be "right to farm" community  
Should be encouraged & protected.  
Should be important factor  
should be the primary foundation for economic activity  
Significant  
Significant  
Significant if supported  
Significant, if it weren't for ag. Knox would be very different, probably less attractive.  
Small - this is 2014  
Small farms  
Small scale should be encouraged where there is interest.  
Small scale, could be increased  
So-so  
Source of locally produced food Protects rural character (open space, quiet, etc.)  
Substantial  
Supporting healthy families  
Supports families, prevents residential development.  
Supports open land.  
The same as anywhere, important.  
The space and land we have is a great resource ... We would gladly buy from local farmers to help support local agriculture!  
there are still a few farmers left - its important because we need products they raise  
Traditional, helps maintain open space and rural character  
Unsure  
Vegetable & fruit farming is important.  
Very important  
Very important  
Very important  
Very Important  
very important  
Very important to established farmers  
very important. farms are the most important resource in the Town  
Very important. Many horse lovers and livestock throughout. Gardens and hay production, too.  
Agriculture is a large part of one reason that people like living here.  
Very limited, used primarily for tax relief  
Very little  
Very little  
Very little, I imagine.  
Very much, the whole hamlet and town is surrounded by agriculture and working fields  
Very small  
Vital role  
we can be more sustainable as a community if we could have our own farmer's market and all try to get what we need from each other locally.  
We can make a living by having horses & growing our hay.  
We don't have a lot, but should have hay, cattle, like now  
Would enjoy seeing it continue, though up to the families involved.



acres agriculture business character chickens  
community continue economic economy  
employment encouraged families farmers  
farms food grow hay helps hope horses  
huge important interest keeps  
knox land large life limited living local  
main maintain major open people  
preserves produce products protect rural  
significant small space support  
sustainable tax traditional unfortunately ZONED

**Q. 13: What agricultural products does your family buy directly from farmers in Knox?**

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Any available

Beef, bread, eggs, maple syrup, honey

beef, eggs and veggies

Beef, pork, syrup, milk, corn, honey

beef, vegetables

But I would like to if I knew where/what was available

Cabot cheeses

Corn

Corn

corn

Corn

Corn and other veg.

Corn, beef, cucumbers

Corn, pumpkins, squash

Corn, pumpkins, vegetables

Corn, squash, pumpkins

Corn, tomatoes

corn, vegetables

CSA

Eggs - would be more if offered

eggs, meat

Eggs, milk, fruit

Eggs, vegetables, meat

Eggs, vegetables, poultry

Eggs.

eggs/veggies

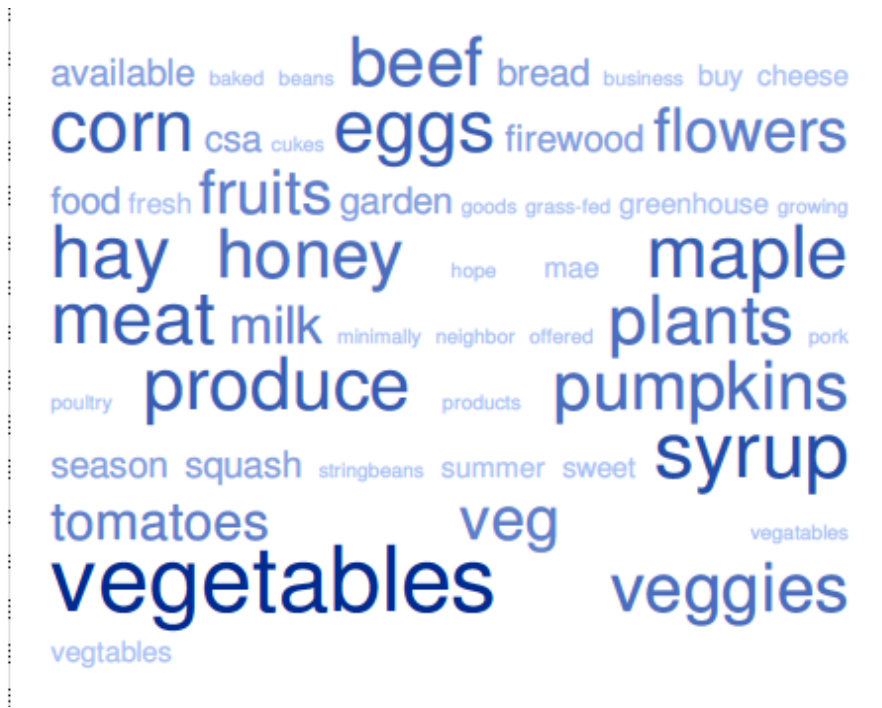
Everything we can all growing season.

Flowers from Mae's

Food

Food  
Food, hay, firewood  
Fruits & vegetables  
fruits/veggies/beef/animal feed  
Garden plants & flowers  
garden plants and firewood  
Grass-fed Beef  
Hay  
Hay  
Hay, flowers  
hay, flowers, vegetables, eggs, beef  
hay, honey, vegs  
Hay, Maple Syrup, and vegetables  
hay, maple syrup, firewood  
Hay, maple syrup, vegetables  
Hay, vegetables  
hay, vegetables, syrup  
Hay, veggies, syrup, beef  
hay,vegs, fruit  
Honey & maple syrup  
Honey, pumpkins, corn, squash, cukes  
Honey, syrup, meat, milk, corn  
If Yes, what kinds?  
It's all seasonal  
livestock, maple syrup, honey,  
Mae's, tomatoes, beans, flowers  
Maple products  
maple syrup, corn  
Maple syrup, flowers, vegetables  
Maple syrup, produce  
maple syrup, pumpkins, vegetables  
Maple syrup, vegetables, flowers  
maple syrup, vegetables, greenhouse plants  
Maple, honey, fresh produce and beef, chicken  
Maple, Vegetables, Plants  
meat and vegetables  
Meat and veggies  
meat, cheese, fruits, vegetables, etc.  
Meat, eggs, vegetables, breads  
meat, hope to get bread in the future  
Meat, vegetables  
Meat, vegetables  
Milk, honey, eggs  
Minimally; vegetables, eggs, syrup, honey, plants  
none of your business  
plants from greenhouse and fresh vegetables  
Plants. Produce when available.  
Produce  
Produce  
Produce  
produce  
Produce  
Produce  
produce  
Produce & meat  
produce, eggs

Produce, hay  
produce, honey  
Produce, maple syrup  
Produce, plants  
Produce. Some meats.  
Pumpkins  
Some produce, plants  
Some vegetables  
summer garden plants  
Summer veggies, pumpkins, hay  
Sweet corn  
Sweet corn, apples  
Syrup, jack o lantern pumpkins, vegetables  
Syrup, veggies  
tomatoes  
Tomatoes, stringbeans, pumpkins, corn  
Veg  
veg  
veg, meat  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
vegetables  
vegetables  
vegetables  
vegetables  
Vegetables & eggs  
Vegetables & fruits  
Vegetables in season.  
vegetables, corn, tomatoes, etc.  
Vegetables, flowers, baked goods.  
Vegetables, fruit, honey, maple syrup, eggs  
Vegetables, gas  
vegetables, maple syrup  
Vegetables, meat  
Veggies  
veggies  
Veggies, fruit, syrup, dairy  
Veggies, hay, pumpkins  
Veggies, wool, syrup  
vegs - fruits etc.  
Vegs, syrup, meat etc.  
vegetables  
vegetables, eggs  
We are farmers. We buy milk & veggies & hay.  
We belong to the CSA and get eggs from our neighbor  
We buy at CSA



**Q. 14: What kinds of locally grown agricultural products would your family be interested in buying?**

- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- all
- All
- All
- all fruits & vegetables
- All kinds
- All kinds
- all kinds
- all kinds
- All kinds.
- All vegetables that I don't grow myself, and more organic meats (chicken, beef, etc)
- Always interested
- Any
- Any
- Any
- any
- Any
- Any available
- Beef, pork, syrup, milk, corn, honey
- Berries
- berries, apples, whatever
- candles, crafts, jams & syrups, fresh foods, even meat locally raised
- Cheese, small brewery, berries

chicken  
Chicken products  
Corn, peas, melons  
Corn, vegetables  
Dairy  
depends on what is available, quality and cost  
Dry beans, grains, potatoes, cabbages, onions... other storage & fresh produce  
Eggs, beef  
EGGS, POULTRY, MEAT, PRODUCE  
eggs, vegetables, greenhouse plants  
especially organic  
Everything.  
Food  
Food  
Food  
Fresh veggies, fruit  
Fruit  
Fruit, more variety of meats, eggs, vegetables, breads  
fruit, vegetables and eggs  
Fruits & vegetables  
Fruits & vegetables  
Fruits & vegetables  
Fruits & veggies  
Fruits & veggies.  
fruits and vegetables and flowers/garden plants as well as garden products (mulch, soil, etc.)  
Fruits if available  
Fruits, grains, legumes, more leafy vegetables (kale, spinach, chard...)  
Fruits, meats, vegetables, eggs etc.  
Fruits, vegetables  
Fruits, vegetables, honey,  
greens, tomatoes, cucumbers -- but in smaller quantities than are usually available  
Hay  
Hay, maple syrup, vegetables  
Herb - natural  
High Brix organic  
Honey, syrup, meat, milk, corn  
honey, veg, grain, poultry, etc  
I'd buy local if it were more readily available. meat, cheese.  
if grown organically  
If reasonable  
If Yes, what kinds?  
It's all seasonal  
Kinds of fruits/veggies a small backyard garden doesn't normally grow.  
Lettuce, tomatoes, milk, all veggies & fruits - IF FAIRLY PRICED  
Local veggies, fruits  
Locally grown fruit, vegetables, honey in easily accessible areas such as centrally located  
farmer's market.  
Maybe  
meat  
meat, cheese, fruits, vegetables, etc.  
Meat, dairy  
Meat, dairy, eggs, veggies  
Meat, poultry, veggies  
Meat, vegetables, milk  
meat, vegetables, raw honey  
Meats and vegetables

milk, eggs, meat  
Milk, ice cream, etc.  
Milk, vegetables  
More fresh produce.  
more fruit and vegetables  
More meat, vegetables, milk  
More varieties of produce  
More variety of vegetables  
More variety of vegetables  
more vegetables and other food items  
More vegetables, greens, esp. organic or non-GMO  
most items  
no response  
nuts  
organic  
Organic and free range all products  
Organic apples/fruit  
Organic produce  
organic/grass fed meat, vegetables, maple syrup  
Organic: Hay, eggs, fruits & veggies, meats.  
plants from greenhouse and fresh vegetables  
pork, chicken  
poultry  
Produce  
Produce  
Produce  
Produce [fruits and vegetables]  
Produce and meat  
Produce and meat  
produce, eggs  
produce, eggs  
Produce, farm-fed meats, eggs  
Produce, honey  
Produce, meat, bread, cheese, pottery  
produce, meat, poultry, eggs  
Produce. Possibly dairy and meat  
Produce/meat/poultry. I would like to raise my own poultry, but restrictions are repressive.  
raw milk,  
Same kinds  
squash, kale  
summer garden plants  
Tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce  
vegetable  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
vegetables  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
Vegetables  
vegetables  
Vegetables & fruits  
Vegetables, etc, meat  
Vegetables, etc.

vegetables, fruits  
Vegetables, fruits, etc  
Vegetables, fruits, etc.  
Vegetables, fruits, hay  
Vegetables, fruits, milk, fiber from farm animals  
Vegetables, gas  
Vegetables, hay  
Vegetables, meat, poultry.  
Vegetables, meats.  
Vegetables, milk  
Veggies  
Veggies  
Veggies  
Veggies  
Veggies  
Veggies, honey, maple syrup  
vegs fruits potatoes  
Vegs, syrup, meat etc.  
vegetables, meat  
Whatever is available  
whatever is available.  
Yes!!

apples available beef berries bread cheese  
chicken corn dairy eggs esp food fresh  
fruits garden grains greenhouse greens grow  
grown hay honey items kale kinds lettuce  
local maple market meat milk  
organic plants pork potatoes poultry  
produce products raise raw small soil syrup  
tomatoes variety vegetables  
vegetables veggies vegs  
whatever

**Q. 15: Would you pay local farmers extra to support sustainable &/or organic agriculture & produce?**

Comments:

- Any prices should be competitive to the surrounding areas.
- As long as it was not unreasonable
- As long as the prices are reasonable and the products are better than available at the store
- Currently there are good prices and great quality
- Depends on affordability
- Depends on cost
- Extra compared to what? How much extra? This question is not helpful.
- Fixed incomes don't allow you to pay extra for anything

Having multiple chemical sensitivity and now autoimmune allergic response to 90% of food, this is critical to raise public awareness that GMO produced food and triggers for genetic autoimmune illnesses related to food are on rise. We need more locally grown, natural foods.

I do not like GMO products.

I will pay what it is worth.

I would love to always but with my limited income I can't afford to.

I would pay more for local products rather than use gas to go farther.

I'll pay for their goods. I have to pay my own taxes, which are outrageous!

It is not necessary.

More concerned about local vs. organic

Need to reduce use of pesticides, GMOs and preserve Ag. soils for food production.

Not 'extra', but a fair price.

Price would be a factor.

Sorry - too costly.

Successful farming is sustainable. "Organic" is a mixed bag, totally "organic" is not efficient. As noted all successful farming is sustainable. If farmers didn't rotate crops, etc. they wouldn't be farming for very long. Everything that grows is organic. "Organic" is today's buzzword for folks who want to pursue 19th century farming technology. All of this is fine if you want to use dated technology. Unfortunately without synthetic fertilizer and other modern technology we would be starving today. We continually add population and decrease arable land. Traditional 19th century technology will not allow us to survive. Let's be reasonable and consider farming as farming and not get into what a limited number of folks, who don't farm commercially, want farmers to practice on their land. The right to farm should be protected by government not dictated by government. Clearly our forefathers, who so elegantly formed the basis of our freedoms and country, were primarily farmers. Do you think they would have wanted an intrusive government that told them how to farm their land?

Test = High Brix = More \$

The current emphasis on "sustainable" is ridiculous.

This issue is very important for the health of people and the land, long term.

Very important to keep pesticides and herbicides out of the groundwater and drinking water

We already belong to a CSA in Gallupville

We grow our own produce.

We have our own garden and but two people to feed.

We have our own garden and but two people to feed.

We support sustainable measures; we are neutral about organic measures

Why should it cost more?

Yes if you could afford to (we raise our own organic garden-as we age we would most likely support the local farmers)

#### **Q. 16: Should the Town continue the One Cut rule (allow one subdivision of a parcel every 18 months)?**

Comments:

At least 18 months

But wouldn't this allow for suburban-type development? Effect on commercial/industrial development?

Don't know enough to comment

Don't know what this is!

I believe in limits of parcel size, setbacks, but I strongly feel a rule like this is over reaching.

I believe that land owners should be able to sub divide as they choose

I don't know enough about this to comment -- is this a usual time period?

I think it should be more stringent.

I would have to know the purpose of the rule vs. expected outcome of no longer having the rule.



I would need clarification of this.

If a farmer is land rich & money poor they should not be penalized.

In fact, it should be every 12 months or whenever they want, since, again, what I do with my land is not the town government's decision. I'll notify them, as a courtesy, but then shouldn't get to dictate what I do and when.

Is it a problem now? Does the Board think the problem is eminent?

It chops up large parcels and promotes sprawl.

It works

Knox should be alert to too many cuts, too close together.

Leave it alone or bring it to 12 months instead of 18 months.

Many of our elder farm families need to live off of their heritage and only retirement means possible, it is necessary if we want them to stay in area as many have left due to excessive restrictions in neighboring towns and counties.

Minimum lot size for residential use. Anything else w/i applicable zoning regs w/Tn approval.

Minimum lot size for residential use. Other lot sizes/uses conforming to applicable zoning subject to Town approval.

Need more info. We like larger parcels.

Need more information on meaning.

Need to know more about it.

Not sure what it entails - how much in a parcel?

People should be able to subdivide property into qualifying parcels and sell to individual people

Should be based on overall assessment (i.e. environmental) & not be automatic

Taxpayers own the land. Let owners do what they want within state law.

The planning board should be involved

There are instances when the rule should be waived, and that flexibility should be in the Town ordinances.

This can be difficult for the owners of large parcels

This is a complicated issue without simple answers.

This is a very fair law and keeps governing laws simple

This is not a simple question to answer. Many probably will not know what this means. More clarification!

This is the one zoning rule along with lot size that makes sense works well. Please no other regulations. This works.

This is unclear to me, 1 party or 2 parties?

This provides a way for some to ignore Town requirements.

This restriction should be extended to 36 months from my perspective

Town should study the one cut rule.

What's time (18 months) got to do with it??? Weird!

**Q. 18: Should the Town use these zoning changes and other measures to promote development in a way that encourages use of land for farming?**

Comments:

18 E: Committee must have some active farmers.

Additional tax benefits

Allow cooperative and collaborative ventures for local residents.

Allow farms to have retail counters on site as separate businesses from the farm itself

Apply for state & federal grants.

Bed & Breakfast places are not farming

Build a pavilion for a farm market to encourage agricultural commerce.

Build a pavilion for farm markets near road so it is visible to cars passing by

By joining with educ. inst. and mentoring encourage grads to be farmers; connect them with experience / avail farms.

C (Agribusinesses that support farms): Yes, within business districts.  
Connect w/educ. inst. / mentors to expose young grads to experience and avail farm land.

Create a social services network for farmers, elder care resources, elder care homes, housing and Veterans assistance for housing projects or someone to work on grants so that they can come back to the Hilltowns and do the farming that they grew up with as the Town brings back farming. Encourage Amish connections w OH and PA groups that are looking for land up here and seek them out to bring quality people w hard work ethics and desire to treat the land in its natural way it was intended and promote the idea of agribusiness and be friendly to it

Do not tax barns used only for agriculture.

Don't know.

Don't raise school and property taxes.

Establish affordable tax rates that will allow farmers to start and/or remain in business

Fair agricultural assessments

Farm related subjects in schools.

Farmers' Market in the Hamlet

Farmers Markets,

Give tax advantages to land limited by the one cut rule

Help farmers by instructions & expertise.

Help farmers learn sustainable methods so their soils will remain productive and unpolluted in the future.

If development rights purchased, allow to keep agricultural exemption for taxes.

Is there a farmers coop? A way farmers can cooperate to purchase larger equipment or buy commercially in bulk?

Keep taxes low on land being farmed

Less regulation. Keep taxes low so farmers can keep land in family

Let people do what they want with their property and don't butt in and try to stop, and all of the above will happen.

Limit housing and multi dwellings

Look at your tax structure & 'Puritanical' way of thinking

Look for best practices around country - network.

Lower acreage to 5 acres instead of 10 acres for designation as a "farm" and remove "for gain."

Lower farmers' taxes

Lower land taxes

Lower taxes for agriculture purposes.

Lower taxes on farm land.

Lower taxes on farm land. D: Yes to composting operations.

N/A

Nothing

Property tax reduction for active agricultural land

Q. 17 is a tough yes or no question. It's like asking if you support motherhood. Active farms should be supported. Promote development in a way that encourages use of land for farming? Are you asking if we should encourage more people to open farms? That's for owners of adequate pieces of land to decide. Farming is a tough way to earn a living. You ask a number of sub-questions (to only be answered if you support motherhood, uh, make that promote development...) We are not opposed to farmers opening small businesses to help them earn a living. We're not exactly sure what a Bed and Breakfast has to do with farming. Should the Town create an Agricultural Committee? This sounds like a good idea if: (1) the committee consists of actual working farmers and not just folks with reasonable acreage claiming "farm" deductions and purporting to be farmers (2) the actual working farmers have sufficient time to donate to such a committee.

Real tax breaks on ag land, more ag zoning  
Reduce property tax burden including school tax.  
Reduce tax rates on productive ag. land  
Reduce the economic burden on ag. Properties - the key to continued ag. In town

Some tax relief for farms and undeveloped acreage. Any farm businesses should be carefully considered and regulated

Stay out of their business.  
Stay out!! USDA & FDA have ruined agriculture.  
Stop passing laws that hurt the farmer.  
Support a farmer's market

Tax breaks for landowners to keep land intact - agriculture will follow if it is economically feasible.

Tax breaks, firing Planning Board  
Tax relief incentives  
Taxes  
The owner can promote or support. Does not need Town input.

The town needs less restrictions. There are small land owners <25 acres who want to do more, but can't because their properties are zoned residential.

Try to keep taxes low so you don't force farms out of the town.  
Vineyards/brewery, dairy (cheese,yogurt,eggs)  
We believe the tax and tax breaks allowed for farmers is unfair as it is, to other taxpayers.  
Weekly farmer's market in a public space

#### **Q. 19: What cultural opportunities are needed in Knox?**

Comments:

\* A & B depend on details.  
anything with music & art

Better communication about what is going on in the Town, what is proposed, what opportunities we, as a Town, can take advantage of - i.e.: grants, tax free business zones

C (Garage Doors on Pavilion): Are you serious? Do not spend my \$!

C (Garage Doors on Pavilion): If needed.

C (Garage Doors on Pavilion): If installing garage doors would prolong the life of the pavilion, it might make sense to use taxpayer \$ to do so.

Cultural opportunity?

Garage doors are "cultural" ?

Host music events and theater

Make judicious use of Town moneys to promote these things, combined with private funding.

More things for families and community - I remember "Pucker Street Fair" at firehouse

Most towns support at least one summer "old home days" event each year; Knox is unusual in not doing this. A committee composed of town officials and citizens should start work now on Knox's bicentennial celebration in 2022.

Move playground equip to top so can be watched by parents, Redo tennis court below

Other:

Pavilion visible from/near road could be used for cultural events as well.

Promote & advertise local business owners. Ex: I need landscaping completed and have no idea if there is anyone in Knox?

Provide our Louis Saddlemire w whatever it takes to continue the great maintenance work that he does for the Town as well as others unseen and unknown to do whatever it takes.

Repair Saddlemire Museum

Small performing arts venue for groups i.e. Old Songs

Some festivals and events could bring money in to the town from donations and small fees for booths at festivals

Use concert events/summer bbqs to draw public support for the town.

What the \* do you need doors on a pavilion for?

Wow, it has taken this many years to finally think of the garage doors for the pavilion!

## **Q. 20: What social/recreational opportunities are needed in Knox?**

Comments:

A better senior services program

Again, do whatever it takes as all of the above are excellent ideas, I would personally volunteer for many outdoor activities as well as bring in performers, reenactors, historic site people to perform first person reenactments of well known Hilltown and area Dutch/Colonial and Rev. War real life figures to do reenactments/fife and drum performances of Hellebergh Fife & Drum Corps members from 1975, etc.

B&C(Improved athletic, tennis, basketball fields): OK, interest level? D (ATV,ORV,Snowmobile trails): In limited, designated area only. B,C,E,F,G: Also, do you know what middle-high schoolers have interests in? L( Playground Equipment):Interest level? Childrren using it? M (Nature Preserves): With \$ limits.

CAREFUL use of tax \$ for paths, trails, recreational facilities would be ok

Horse shoe pits

I think Knox has a beautiful park & nature trail

Keep taxes low, generate additional tax revenue by attracting new businesses, creating jobs, and increasing housing values.

Maintain existing playground equipment in Town Park

Make judicious use of Town moneys for the items listed as "Yes with Tax \$"

Music in the park nights, local bands, charge a \$1.00 per ticket, money goes to play equipment. O: Don't let them in.

Nature preserves: maintain what is current, no new ones needed. Volunteer opportunities: hire someone to coordinate this very important aspect of our town

O (Welcome Wagon): This is a joke, no one is moving here & this town is a closed shop.

Okay to use tax \$ for Swimming pool

Other (please specify)

Our resistance is because of the increase of liability insurance costs for the town!! The law suits of someone (?..?..) would be prohibitive.

Pavilion visible from road could serve as a gathering place in good weather

Possibly offer an internship for SUNY Coby student to study & draw up possible solutions to the problems farmers are facing.

Promote volunteers for projects, thus less tax \$

Put proper signs on all town parks or lands

There are too many non-resident hunters now. They hunt from the road. They hunt fields behind us before & after season. They hunt after sundown. Do not invite more!

These are silly ideas

These services are already in place.

Town government should CONSTANTLY be searching and applying for grants to help with anything and everything. We created a "soccer field" that isn't even used anymore!!!

Who will pay for this - NO. I (Fishing, Swimming, Lake Access): What lake is in Knox? Where did this come from - you won't allow a business - unreal!

Would like to see more partnerships between the Town and groups like Friends of Thacher State park and Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

#### **Q. 24: Should Knox take these historic preservation actions, using public input?**

Comments:

#2 NOT if those structures are currently deteriorating, Our main street is despicable and most of those buildings need to be torn down and replaced with small businesses!!!!

Appoint a Town Historian who will actively work on the above ideas.

E (Guidelines for appearance of buildings in historic districts): Depending on situation - level of historic importance.

Historic preservation laws limit the ability for home owners to work on their houses, the Town to get grants and it's not the town's business to mandate anyone to preserve their house to someone else's standard.

I: If not overdone

If developed, the historic districts should follow the surrounding architecture and match with the existing historical buildings

Many of these options should be done by our elected officials already in place.

Need guidance from State Historic Preservation staff for items d,e,f.

Open up the process of using Town finances for such activities -- Town meetings for each proposal.

Part of SEQR - SMPO review

Promote preservation of cemeteries in addition to historic structures

The Town Historian is paid a stipend provided by the taxpayers; the Historian should be identifying and advocating for historic resources. The bicentennial celebration is in 8 years, not 10.

There are many grants etc. waiting to be used!

Too much government is NOT good - look what already happened to Knox.

What historic features?

When developing guidelines for houses in historic district be careful to not cause elderly or those who could not afford to pay for such as in Colonial Williamsburg areas can be burdensome and drive our locals out of their homes even moreso than the taxes we endure in NYS

#### **Q. 25: Where would you accept mixed business/residential development in Knox?**

Comments:

(and Q. 8) What is with the questions about designating Rt. 156 from Witter Rd. to Thompson's Lake Rd. mixed business or residential? Clearly less than 1% of the homes in town fall into this area. If this doesn't show favoritism in designating a favorable "business" permit to an obvious business owned by a town official we can't imagine what might be considered favoritism. Surely this all smells of impropriety. All of 156 and 146 should be considered for mixed business/residential zoning. Both roads have numerous businesses already. If both roads were business/residential a new business would still have to get a permit, yes? So the Town could easily decide during the permitting process if the business was not desirable. If the Town intends to be "business friendly" then let's be business friendly.

? for New District 3. But mixed use district should enhance, not detract from Knox's rural character & should be done tastefully (e.g. Main St.), not tackily (strip malls)

All areas in town except land conservation districts for some limited, low impact businesses - similar to home occupation businesses

Allow businesses where they are now and let home businesses develop with limits. If someone wants a business have them apply and look at that specific application.

Anywhere in town!!! It shouldn't matter!

Arbitrary options listed above are based on primary roads & existing businesses without consideration of businesses located on other roads.

As long as they are environmentally responsible..

As long as water is adequate for existing residents, farms, businesses, I would support additional mixed use districts.

Assuming that town leadership develops town-wide plan and people could vote on it? - this (District 1 & New District 4) seems appropriate.

Be careful or you will end up with a mess like so many communities have done, by over doing a good thing.

Business development must be confined to BD#1. This will be manageable growth, will benefit town. Allowing development in other areas will cause transportation problems. This question may provide an idea of how well residents support current businesses in town, but is not a responsible basis for planning the town's future. The Town Planning Board recommendation to create a business district (BD1) in the Hamlet area has been approved by the Town Board. This recommendation and approval is based on sound principles of planning and zoning law and includes the following points. \*Transportation system. Today, and in the future, every Knox resident relies on our state highways to reach jobs, shopping, medical care, etc. The system is providing a good level of service. For the future, good planning policy is to keep these critical main roads as free flowing as possible. Accordingly, the Town has long followed a policy of working to limit new main road curb cuts in subdivisions to keep new driveways to the minimum possible. Each new residential driveway adds a few possible traffic conflicts. Increasing traffic inevitably leads to a need for measures such as reduced speed, signage, lights, etc. to keep travel safe. Unfortunately, this process nearly always includes crashes. Fortunately, good planning can limit this. Considering the main roads system in Knox, it is clearly divided into two distinct areas: the hamlet area and the rest of town. The hamlet area is on a straight stretch of highway, signed as a hamlet area, with reduced speed limits and warning signs, and lighting. It has relatively dense development, public buildings, a church and commercial buildings. Fire and emergency services are there. The rest of the highway system is all rural highway, generally open with hills, curves and relatively few businesses. New business development will have some negative impacts wherever it occurs. A successful business will generate increased levels of traffic as well as possible noise and lighting concerns. The town will have to deal with any negative impacts on residents. The standard ways to mitigate the negative impacts include reduced speeds, signs, public lighting, and landscaping. These measures are already in place in the hamlet, so it is clear that allowing mixed business/residential development in the hamlet area would have the least possible overall impact on the town. But allowing business development on the rest of the main roads of the town would, if the businesses were successful, lead to a lower level of highway service for all residents. It is important to note that when thinking about business development, every property in a business district can be developed as any of the businesses allowed by the Zoning Law. Each property could become a Stewart's, a CVS, a Burger King. While each new residential driveway adds just a little traffic, each business driveway can add many new traffic conflicts. \*Zoning Law. Before the 1974 zoning law, businesses could develop anywhere in town. Obviously, this was creating sufficient problems such that the town passed the 74 law, which allowed agricultural and residential uses everywhere, but preserve districts, but no new businesses anywhere. This has resulted in development such that many praise today's "rural character" of Knox. So the zoning has worked to the town's benefit. Now, recognizing that the town does indeed need a place for businesses, both to serve residents and to support local entrepreneurs, the hamlet area has been opened to business development as well as residential. In locating a business district, zoning law requires equal treatment of property owner's rights. A sound reason is needed to allow one owner to develop a business in one area, but deny that capability to owners in other areas. As noted above, there are very sound reasons for allowing business development only in the hamlet area, and there are benefits to the town as well. The benefits of business development in BD1 include maintaining the very identity of the Knox community. Without the hamlet area, Knox is just an area of residences and farms between Altamont and Berne. Developing the Hamlet area will have the least negative impacts on the town. Another important long term planning consideration is that if the area does successfully develop, at some point in the future the Town will need to build water/sewer infrastructure (as Berne is doing), and concentrating the development in the Hamlet will make it possible to build the infrastructure as efficiently as possible. \*The future of Knox is most likely a continuation of today's trends - residential development as a good place to live. Development of businesses in the Hamlet to provide basic services is now possible. One hopes for development of basic food services, and possibly rehabilitation of residences as professional offices. Restricting business development to the Hamlet area will support this future. Allowing random development will not. While it is now possible for businesses to develop in the Town, there are no guarantees that any will. But, the Town has done what it can short of building sewer/water infrastructure. And allowing new business development zoning on any of the roads outside of the Hamlet would be a mistake.

Businesses should be concentrated in already developed areas to prevent sprawl and to encourage shopping in

business districts (like mini-malls).

Businesses should be from Knox Cave Rd to Knox Gallupville Rd. Must have stores in town.

Do not favor development of industry in Knox.

Don't know enough to comment - what is included in 'business'?

Hate to see 146 and/or 156 become like R7 in Cobleskill

I am referring to resident owned businesses (above).

I don't live near any of those places and it's not my right to tell my neighbors what to put up with.

In order for the town to thrive business needs to thrive.

Include the Highlands Restaurant in Rt. 156 District

It is okay when it does not intrude on scenic landscape or pollute environment. Small home businesses with small signs can be okay.

Ketcham Rd, Thompson's Lake Rd from Rt 156 to Town Line - to capitalize on traffic to State Parks

Let existing businesses continue as long as they can by granting permanent zoning extensions.

Let others approach Town Board to present their case & then let the public vote on it election day.

Limit what type of business

New District 2: road curve creates a hazard. All of Rt. 156: NO NO NO - would destroy Town. New District 3: NO. All of Rt. 146: NO NO - would destroy Town. All areas in town except land conservation districts: Are you crazy?

NO along all of 146 & 156 - discourage sprawl. Concentrate development in "Hamlets" but allow some low impact businesses in homes & farms.

No new business period. If existing business stops then revert to residential.

Not knowledgeable of roads, yet expansion of business districts is needed. I just believe in "Free Enterprise."

Other (please specify)

Relax home based occupation regulations to allow a broader range of home-based businesses.

Should be assessed case by case with review and approval process - neighbor and community input hearings.

Small clusters of development, not sprawl

The future of the town is in its past. Allow businesses to operate from people's homes. It's what built this town and what we celebrate of its history.

The town will become extinct if we don't grow & with growth comes need for services i.e. businesses. You can't have a growing town without businesses to keep people here.

To add for example a Stewarts there is no access for it in other areas and would also destroy the character of the town if located other than where business has always been.

Town Government should reduce its control. Let tax payers open businesses and help this town!

Township Tavern to Alb Co Garage -- not all the way to Bell Rd.

Use existing buildings (empty businesses)

Watch the aesthetics!

We do need business development for local jobs/convenience etc.

We need business as well as landowners in Knox - no it is not just a "bedroom" community.

We need business to support the tax base!

We need businesses to help Town grow & prosper.

Wherever someone wants to set up shop they should be able to have their business.

Why would anyone stop business development?

With new guidelines for building with close neighbors in mind.

Zoning has been revised to accommodate businesses (Fox Creek area) but businesses are not surviving.

**Q. 26: What other retail businesses are needed (with public hearing)?**

Comments:

Again, pill box factories were EVERYWHERE and they help build Knox! Without businesses Knox is dying!  
Agribusiness anywhere  
Agricultural support type in Existing MB/R Districts, Newly Designated MB/R Districts, & Other Parts of Town  
Any business - it supports community  
Auto repair shop, general store  
B: Not Stewart's  
B: Like Knox Country Store, Yes. Like Stewart's, No.  
Bank (neutral)  
Bed & Breakfast  
Business from Knox Cave Rd. to Knox Gallupville Rd. Most stores should be in center of the Hamlet.  
Child/Parent community space for art/coffee/etc.; Art/Dance/Music; Theater/concert hall  
Don't know  
Don't know  
Don't know  
Don't know  
Garden, landscape supply in any newly designated MB/R districts  
Golf course  
Greenhouse, garden supply - in newly designated MB/R Districts  
Hardware or other non-Big Box farm supply in Existing & Newly Designated MB/R Districts  
If A, B, C, E would be good in business districts.  
Laundry mat, storage units  
Local produce, country item stands allowed at residences.  
Need a mechanic shop for inspecting  
Neutral  
Neutral  
Neutral  
Neutral  
Neutral  
No  
No  
No  
No  
No  
No  
Other Retail (please specify)  
PIZZERIA  
Produce market/natural shop in Existing & Newly Designated MB/R Districts.  
Specialized businesses from home may be more profitable to owners, considering the population of the area.  
(i.e. Mary Anne's pies, Sandy Gordon's beef.)  
The Town should except (sic) any business in any part of town!  
Wine sales if connected to an on-site (in the town) winery  
Yes, existing and newly designated MB/R districts  
Yes, existing and newly designated MB/R districts  
Yes, in all mixed Business/Residential districts and in rest of town, except land conservation districts  
Yes, in any newly designated Mixed Business/Residential Districts  
Yes, in existing business/residential districts and in Rest of Town  
Yes, in existing Mixed Business/Residential Districts  
Yes, in existing Mixed Business/Residential Districts  
Yes, in existing Mixed Business/Residential Districts: any business that "fits in" esthetically  
Yes, in Other Parts of Town  
Yes, in Other Parts of Town  
Yes, wherever they want to put it.



**Q. 27: What other farm and light industrial businesses are needed (with public hearing)?**

Comments:

Again light industry very quickly becomes a problem if over done. Many people who have come here to live did so to get away from those kinds of towns..

Allow people to work from home

Anything that "fits in" esthetically

C(Light manufacturing):Depends on type & size & land use; D((Local butcher & shop):On farm site, yes.

Depends on its nature

Don't know

Don't know

Don't know

horseback riding supplies including new & used tack.

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral

Neutral. D: Combine with store. E: Combine with existing store.

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No

No. We are not big village, but small town

No. Specify!

Other Farm & Light Industrial (please specify)

Promote HOME businesses - farm, excavation & construction, VERY light HOME manufacturing - NOT other light manufacturing

Yes in Newly Designated MB/R Districts & Other Parts of Town

Yes, in any newly designated Mixed Business/Residential Districts

Yes, in Existing MB/R Districts

Yes, in Existing MB/R Districts and Any newly designated MB/R districts

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Yes, in Newly Designated MB/R Districts

Yes, in Newly Designated MB/R Districts

Yes, in Newly Designated MB/R Districts

Yes, in Other Parts of Town

Yes, in Other Parts of Town

Yes, in Other Parts of Town

Yes, in Other Parts of Town  
Yes, in Other Parts of Town  
Yes, in Other Parts of Town  
Yes, in Other Parts of Town  
Yes, wherever

**Q. 28: What other service and recreational businesses are needed (with public hearing)?**

Comments:

Any legal & moral businesses are welcome.  
Anything that fits esthetically; Yes to outdoor theatre, concert hall, public assembly, without public funds  
B: 1 or 2 - no more!  
B: (Auto repair, inspection, towing shop) NO NO  
Camping, in Newly Designated MB/R Districts and in Other Parts of Town  
Civic center  
Don't know  
Don't know  
Don't know  
Don't know  
Encourage residential development by seniors (who have no children) to support school tax burden.  
G: (Carwash) Yes! Much needed S: (Urgent Care) Much needed.  
Let existing businesses remain.

Library services - bookmobile??; H(Excavation) - No. (Construction services) - type? land use?; L(Bike racetrack):type & numbers?

Live Band in Park nights in Existing MB/R Districts. H: Small; under 5 trucks and equipment  
Neutral  
Neutral  
Neutral  
No  
No  
Other Service and Recreational (please specify)  
Radio station

Watch the greed factor. Once the community is ruined it can't be fixed. Go look at Schenectady it used to be charming and beautiful.

We need ANY business in Knox - we have nothing - hopefully the owner of the Knox Store has plans for wonderful businesses for Knox & the Board is agreeable!!!

Yes to Stewart's and/or coffee shop in Existing & Newly Designated MB/R Districts & in Other Parts of Town

Yes, anywhere  
Yes, in Existing MB/R Districts and Any newly designated MB/R districts  
Yes, in Existing MB/R Districts and Any newly designated MB/R districts  
Yes, in Existing MB/R Districts and Any newly designated MB/R districts  
Yes, in Mixed Business/Residential Districts  
Yes, in Rest of Town, except land conservation districts  
Yes, in Rest of Town, except land conservation districts  
Yes, in Rest of Town, except land conservation districts  
Yes, in Rest of Town, except land conservation districts

**Q. 29: What 3 words or phrases describe the community character (culture; social, political, etc. environment/feeling) of the Town of Knox?**

"Hilltown"

?

1 church, firehouse, town park

a blind eye to the drug problem

A nice town

Affordable (tax wise)

agricultural production

Agriculture

and not bring problems up here.

Appreciate community sense as seen @ Memorial Day parade

appreciate privacy

Appreciate the outdoors

Appreciative of the natural environment

Barren

Beautiful

beautiful

beautiful country atmosphere

Beautiful views

Bedroom community

Bedroom community

Bedroom community which promotes unfriendly or at least distant neighbors

capable, inventive, resourceful, independent people

Caring

Caring

Caring

caring community, involved in helping each other

casual & accepting

City smart with small town values.

Clean

clean air

Clean up properties

Clearly conservative in nature of natives, but open to newcomers and new ideas and ways as long as don't infringe in the rights and heritage of past formation of town

Close

Close knit community

Close to the land

Closed for business

Closed-minded

Close-knit

Close-knit

Community

Community - great neighbors

Community and its citizens are excellent. It's the favoritism and nepotism within the local government that needs to go!

commuter

Congenial

Conservative

Conservative

Controlled Residential development

cooperative independence

Country

Country

Country living lifestyles

culturally deprived

Dead

Dead

Dead  
Dead  
Dead town  
Democratic  
Depends whom you know  
Depressed  
Dirty  
disconnected  
Diverse  
Diversity of residents and acceptance of each other.  
Does not seem to be moving forward, ex. no new businesses.  
don't have a third  
Don't regulate everything  
Don't ruin our environment. No track housing, business.  
Dull  
Dying  
Elected officials do not want change  
Enjoy privacy & country  
environmentally strong  
Everything about the town has a feel of being controlled by a group that wants no changes at all  
Families  
Family oriented  
Farming  
Farming  
Farming  
Freedom loving  
Friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly  
friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly  
friendly  
friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly  
Friendly atmosphere and people  
friendly neighbors  
Friendly when people gather (transfer station days)  
From redneck to doctors, lawyers and other professionals  
Generally neighborly  
Ghost town  
Ghost town  
Giving  
Governed by current & former gov't. employees - including myself - with good pensions, benefits, etc. Not at all representative of the diverse character of Town  
Great social mix.  
Group trying to bring business to Knox  
Growth not wanted  
Hard working  
Hard working  
Hard working & independent  
Hellebergh Mountains in Dutch means "Clear Mountains" - that is why we stayed here for over 300 yrs. and didn't move.

Helpful  
Helpful neighbors  
Helping  
helping neighbors  
Historic  
historical  
historical appreciation  
Historically rich  
Home  
Hopeful to hold onto what we have  
Horse & buggy days  
I do not want the Town of Knox to vote For or Against the SAFE Act. It's not representative of individuals' views.  
independence loving  
Independent  
Independent  
independent  
independent  
Independent & resourceful  
independent people, self-reliant  
isolated  
Knox has lost much of its feeling of community in the 40+ years I've been here. This is probably due to lack of businesses or places to gather.  
Lack of community  
Lacking  
Lacking  
Lagging behind other communities  
Laissez-faire  
Live & let live  
Lost, confused, forgotten  
Low key  
Low key facilities  
Low Taxes  
many good people  
Messy properties bringing down values  
Middle Class  
Middle class  
mixed philosophies  
Most people work & commute  
Must have conveniences for residents  
Natural  
nature loving  
Needs to be replaced  
Needs to be replaced with a vision for said town  
Negative  
neighborly  
Neighborly  
Neighborly  
Neighborly  
neighborly  
neighbors  
Neighbors helping neighbors  
Nice historic town  
No businesses!  
No community spirit  
No new ideas

nobody in control  
None - there is nothing in Knox  
Non-existent  
Nostalgic  
Not business friendly.  
Not enough community input  
Not everyone is a farmer.  
Not friendly or welcoming  
Not much culture, but we have opportunities for more!  
Not sure -- not really promoted  
Not thinking of future needs  
Not with the times  
Old school values  
only vote in the town  
open  
Open space  
open space with unobstructed views  
Open to change  
Outdoor oriented  
Outdoors oriented  
Pastoral  
Pathetic  
Peaceful  
Peaceful  
Peaceful  
Peaceful  
Peaceful  
People are independent  
people look out for one another  
pleasant  
Political  
Political immaturity & divisiveness  
Politically active with community and environmental issues in mind.  
Politically fractured  
Politically mixed  
politically relaxed  
Poor  
Preserved  
pride in the area  
Pride in town  
Private  
Private  
Private  
Private  
Pro 2nd amendment  
Production  
Progressive  
Quaint  
Quaint  
Quaint  
Quaint  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
Quiet  
quiet



Some race & religious bias  
 Somewhat close knit  
 Somewhat diverse in makeup  
 Stagnant  
 Stagnant  
 Sterile  
 Suburban  
 Supportive neighbors  
 Take care of others in need  
 term limits would help, a lot!  
 The area is dead/tired.  
 The volunteer fire company is wonderful  
 There currently is not much community character.  
 There is none!  
 Time for a change  
 Too much government  
 Too much government  
 town government is trying hard to keep that from happening  
 Traditional, family-oriented, and historic  
 Unfortunately, the town doesn't have a functional town center of "village."  
 Unknown  
 usually votes Democratic  
 Very separated, isolated  
 Volunteers provide many services to make Knox the kind of town they want to live in.  
 Welcoming



**Q. 32: What types of residential development would you like to see more of in Knox?**

Comments:

Any business should be encouraged to either use existing structures or to design their structures to maintain the bucolic image of our town.

develop public footpaths through fields and woods

Grant money is available for many public projects



I support all these things, however, am apprehensive about the current town government participating. They are too controlling and self serving.

I would love the Town Park to have a horse trail on it, and maybe a multi-purpose indoor space (meeting place) for residents to use for exercise groups, hobby meetings, senior group, etc.

It is not government's job to tell people what their properties should look like.

Keep visible business development out, or minimal. Protect existing residential properties from scofflaw business development.

Make all developers build on own land only!

Other (please specify)

rewriting zoning laws to allow town to grow, Firing Planning Board, Hire someone with a vision for the Town of Knox, not an agenda

suggest public/private partnerships for land conservation, greenway development

We need to promote bike paths. Organized cyclists ride the Hilltowns every weekend. We should capitalize on this. Let's be the first community to embrace this healthy activity!

We need to support cleanup of the whole town, not just the Hamlet! Too many trashy properties, not proud to say I live in this town.

What makes you think your ideas are better than others. I take care of my home. If my neighbor doesn't that's his right to do so as long it doesn't interfere with others freedom.

Why limit beautification efforts to the "Hamlet?"

### **Q. 33: What types of residential development would you like to see more of in Knox?**

Comments:

5 acre min - why 3 acres? Why does it take so long for the Town Board to accomplish anything? I went to hearing Sept 2013 re businesses & senior housing & 10 months later no business district or senior housing - isn't the Town Board Elected officials in charge of the town or do the Planning & Zoning Boards run the town. Senior housing should have broken ground by now & be almost ready for residents to move in - & Businesses???

A: No clustered subdivision at all!!! K: Small scale, maybe.

By and large the Town should permit whatever development comes to it and not restrict what people want.

Choices above should protect rural character of Knox. Only carefully regulated, designed and located senior/assisted living facility (having only one is sufficient), larger lots for homes when possible, but with closer setbacks from roads to preserve open/wooded space, regulate new roads so development of wild spaces is minimized. If any developments occur, require cluster development to preserve open/forested spaces

Clustered subdivisions? Great way to get rid of open farmland. New Jersey was built on this idea. The subdivisions would be surrounded by open land. Unfortunately in most areas the open land disappeared into more profitable subdivisions (either to make the developers wealthy or to increase the tax base to "support" more government spending). New Jersey too much of a stretch to imagine? Try looking at Delmar. You can find plenty of clustered sub-divisions on what was once open farmland. You'll keep the character of Knox by keeping large lots for homes and businesses. Want to build a 950 foot square house on 15 acres? Why would that be a problem? Want to build 50 homes on 15 acres? You'll need city water and city sewers to start. And probably more classroom space, etc. Not only changes the character of the Town, but gets expensive.

D: In appropriate places. H: In appropriate places. K: In appropriate places. Where things are placed will have

enormous impacts.

Day programs designed for seniors, by seniors, and promotion of continuous care options at home and shared residences allowed.

E (Over 6 units) Senior; Need to have noise code, trailer park cleanup, strong enforcement of speed zones.

Expand housing opportunities for people of limited/modest means

Firing Planning Board, rewriting zoning laws

H: In Hamlet.

H: YES!! I: YES!! Need trails for golf carts!

I (Senior housing): (smaller size); J (Assisted living): (smaller size); K (Combined residential & commercial): per zoning.

If someone has home on 11-30 acres - can they subdivide at later time?

Keep residential development from consuming open space & scenery!

Larger clusters of people will require sewer pipes and treatment plant.

Lot size should be increased to 5 acres min. Yes to small (3-6 unit) apartment buildings if it could be incorporated into an existing structure - large home/barn, etc.

Mobile homes on their own property

Need to encourage small, energy efficient housing that is easy to heat at minimal expense.

None

Other types of residential development (please specify)

We need fewer families with school children/tax liability

We would be happy if not a single new house was built in Knox.

What ever someone sees fit to do with their property with the water and sewer regulations already in place with the State, County, banks.

Would like to see minimal residential development - only enough to support desired new businesses and to fulfill town's obligation (if any) to provide affordable housing.

Would rather see less residential development

**Q. 34: Should these energy sources be promoted in Knox? (See yellow highlighted text only.)**

Text that is not highlighted relates to Q. 35:

**Q. 35: What other possible measures are needed (Town Government, Infrastructure and Community Services)?**

Comments:

\* Please respect all people no matter their political party \*

Although understand #G & I becomes difficult to enforce, would like to see these items enforced.

Example, old fallen deteriorated church on the corner of Witter Road and Rt. 146.

B & C: (Transportation for all and for Seniors) Not economically possible as population is too spread out.

Consolidate to reduce any and all service overlaps, reduce personnel, expenses, thereby reduce taxes

Fire the Planning Board.

How will this be paid for - get real.

I appreciate the efforts of all involved with the development of this survey. It covered extensive ground and surely represents hours of brain storming and idea gathering. However, I fear potential misuse or misinterpretation because of the format used. Questions 10, 17, 23 and 30 were qualifiers for the ideas listed below them. I know very few people that are 100% in favor of everything or folks that are against 100% of all ideas presented. Unfortunately, the only way a respondent could clarify what they were in favor of or could accept for the town was to answer "yes." That's a problem. That response implies (if you look no further than the question itself), that the respondent is in favor of more Town involvement without limitation. That's statistics, a sneaky way to manipulate input to get desired results. Each idea listed under those questions deserved to be considered on their own merit. They were grouped in a fashion that made sense and were worded very concisely and clearly. The average taxpayer should experience no difficulty in understanding what each proposed idea means in terms of cost and potential change. I feel the survey would have been more open minded if questions 10, 17, 23 and 30 were removed entirely allowing the respondent to weigh in on each individual idea presented. Personally, I answered yes to those questions when in general and on most of the ideas listed below, I am NOT in favor or supportive. I can only hope that the results from my responses will not reflect my being in favor of more Town oversight and regulatory restrictions.

I really think that the whole issues of a business district has just been put off too long. Too much time and effort is being wasted and revenue is being lost by those who could have businesses open if the people would just stop nit picking every last facet of the whole idea. Knox has so little to offer anymore. If I need groceries I personally go to gallupville mostly because east berne is too far and the fox creek market sells so little I'm surprised they bothered to reopen it. The gallupville store generally has what I need and if not they are willing to order it. The owners have been trying to move the store to middleburgh to increase business, I guess at that point I will just have to go to hannaford in esperance. This is not just part of living in the hilltowns, it's just a damn inconvenience. My job takes me to many rural towns in the surrounding counties. I always take a minute to see just what each new area has to offer. Many of these towns are similar in size and character to knox except that they have businesses. They provide services which benefit the residents and other travelers which promote pride and value. People need to have a reason to stop in and frequent a town. Right now they all just drive right through Knox, outside of the township tavern, thatcher park, and maybe a few farms why should they stop. It's sad. A bank, post office, gas station, senior living, bakery, car wash, restaurant all could be beneficial. But we can't have anything because people are too concerned with where it might be built. While your waiting they will be built in berne, schoharie, and westerlo and anywhere but knox and maybe that is what people want. Has anyone noticed how places are for sale? It's not like knox is going to grow to the size of altamont in the next 20 years. It is just so frustrating sometimes. Why do we have a survey or a vote or months of town meetings and debates? If folks have home based businesses, new or old, they should be able to operate them without the rest of the town saying whether or not they can make a living and where. As far as I've heard no has proposed a harmful industry or some giant condo complex. We are talking about simple business that we can all benefit from. So the best thing to do is just establish the district and allow the opportunity for expansion so that five years down the road we don't slam into this wall again.

I've never been so concerned that my small town will be ruined. Your ideas on rules and regulations scare me.

K(Shelter at Transfer Station): Big YES! Q.34 J(Outdoor Wood Burners): Air pollution problem

K: (Shelter at Transfer Station): Great idea! (Q. 34K (Hydrofracking): Absolutely NOT!! We will move if this is allowed.

Keep Town of Knox RURAL.

Law enforcement MUST protect our property from persons that want to damage it. Persons come at night and destroy signs on property, police MUST STOP this.

M: Not sure how you would do this. Q. 34 K (Hydrofracking):Bad idea!

Many items should be handled by town officials already in place, like the clerk, supervisor and the town board

Many seniors are living in Knox (see Town Board) & what services does the Town provide?? Thank you to Charlotte Fuss for fighting for anything for seniors. Why did we lose the post office?

More sidewalks all parts of town!

N: Got Health Dep't. Other: Music in the Park once a month, Town get-togethers.

Never consolidate w any other town, went through school merge and it was disastrous and economically not beneficial to one and lost identity of smaller town's school. They do not work well in the majority of cases that I have observed. Consolidations are inefficient, ineffective and create terrible animosities and loss of faith.

O (reduce salting of roads): Is there a problem?

Other (please specify)

Please think of the future when planning. It is beautiful here. Let's keep it that way! We need to enforce littering in this area. We should work with the State to construct bike paths throughout the Hilltowns starting from the Altamont line.

Q.34 A-D (Wind Turbines): Not in Residential vision!

Please publicly announce all town meeting agendas & dates.

Q, 34 A,B,C,D,K: Will it help ALL of our taxes? If so, YES, if no, NO. Q. 35 F: Increase enforcement of traffic speed, not noise. R(Sidewalks in Hamlet): No,No, very expensive T(Elect Appointed Positions): Case by case? W(Consolidate with other towns): You are OUR local government.

Q. 34 J: (outdoor wood burners) Pollute too much! K: (Hydrofracking) Not appropriate for Knox!

Q. 34 K (Hydrofracking): NO NO NO; Q. 35: Planning Boards are not accountable to voters. They have too much power & elected officials hide behind the planning board recommendations.

Q. 34 K: (Hydrofracking) We'll move!

Q. 34 K: (Hydrofracking) ABSOLUTELY NOT!!

Q. 34: What's with the wind power? The payback on the technology is not there without heavy subsidy. The technology is obnoxious to close neighbors. (And you worry about residential lighting?) Solar and geothermal make more sense and are better developed for the costs involved. Microhydroelectric? Where do you plan on getting the water power? The Bozenkill Falls? I'm big on hydroelectric, but we don't see the water power necessary in town. Maybe we can get Altamont to let us tap their reservoir and use the drop in water sent down to Altamont to spin a small turbine? We don't have a problem with outdoor burners. They appear to be cost effective and the technology (for lower discharges) is improving at reasonable costs. Q. 35e. We like the idea of providing at least initial support for a person to seek and apply for grants. We would certainly be willing to use tax dollars to investigate this opportunity. We do feel, however, that the term of pending tax dollars should be limited to several years (certainly no more than 3-5). At that time we should review how much we have gotten versus how much we have invested. If we are not getting back the person's salary (and perks) we need to come up with another strategy. Q. 35t: Let's see here, are you asking if the members of the highway department should be elected? Or are you asking if the Town officials should be elected? Obviously many of the appointed positions in town would not benefit by requiring the incumbents to be reelected on a regular basis. We would settle for posting of ALL appointed positions so that interested parties could apply. Do we think the Town Board should appoint people to fill their vacancies? We'd probably like to see an election, even if you had to run a special election, to fill these kinds of positions.

Q.34 B(Large wind for farm, local business):per setback from property lines. K(Hydrofracking): NO. NO.

Q.35 B(Public transportation for all):(seed \$ & check need & interest); G(Junk car removal): YES!!;

H(Clean up volunteers) YES!!; L(Hazardous waste disposal):(not in town); T(Elect appointed positions):Which ones?; V(Expediter):(as needed, NOT full time.); W(Consolidate towns):Possibly - survey towns with more specific information regarding how done, representation for all towns, considering common goals, etc.

R: (Sidewalks in Hamlet) To walk to what? V: (Expediter to help with zoning laws) Should be easy to follow.

Sorry we missed the deadline, but hope you will consider our responses. Thanks for going to the trouble.

Taxes are high enough. Cap elected officials' salaries. Limit terms.  
Term limits for Town Board & all other Town Boards (PB, ZBA, etc.)

Thank you for taking the time, preparing this survey and sending it to everyone. We hope the community took the time (in return) to give their input! Thank you again. Have a GREAT DAY!

The Town should be encouraged to consider the possibility of a solar energy project for the Town Hall.

The yearly budget should be easily accessible on the town website because based on this survey, it is difficult to determine what our tax money is actually being used for.

The Zoning Administrator should be an Expediter. We should look to combine some services with Berne.

There is nothing to build sidewalks for.

There should be no such thing as the Government of Knox; waste of tax \$

This question is really too open-ended to be answered in the format provided.

This survey is a waste of tax dollars and time!!

Use grant monies when possible (keep taxes low)

W (Consolidate towns): With Berne only

W: Different townships with different needs. Need to know more. Will it benefit taxpayers & Knox?

W: With Berne, but not Westerlo or Rensselaerville. Get grant to put in SEWAGE AND WATER at the same time!

We need less government and regulations, governments are becoming entirely too intrusive.