

Town of North East, Village of Millerton Comprehensive Plan Survey Summary

These are the two long open-ended questions that are not easily summarized through bullet points or word counts:

Q17 What ideas or strategies would you suggest to promote business development in the Town and Village?

- First, position the Town and Village as highly desirable places in which to live and work. Seek small businesses, shops, start-ups, entrepreneurs who will gain from the area and also contribute positively to it.
- Tax incentives, increase in-town housing stock (multi-family units in certain areas)
- As I've said, attract entrepreneurs and start-ups with incentives and a marketing campaign that emphasizes how pleasant it is to live and work in the area.
- Publicize the village's location, tourist appeal, historic character
- More parking for businesses
- Do not allow minor matters impede capital and business growth. We need tax help.
- Professional PR. Not ads, but articles promoting Millerton
- Agricultural infrastructure: food processing and distribution;
- Update current zoning laws and grant reasonable variance requests. Perfectly compliant properties to current zoning code rarely exist.
- I would bring together the artisans, farmers, artists in a cooperative effort. I would engage with Metro North and County and State to improve local transportation. I would work with landlords to make rents more affordable for a diversity of local businesses. Offer some sort of tax or other incentives. I would work on developing a cooperative effort with other towns, arts organizations, and hospitality/tourist organizations. I would reach out to successful, "right fit" businesses in other areas that may be looking to expand, or looking for a new location. Promote more cooperative ventures.
- Support the Millerton Business Alliance, A town wide newsletter, more internship programs to train kids and eventually provide them with jobs.
- The music festival, the bike day, are good examples of pulling people into the downtown.
- Local magazines and TV stations, connections in Albany and counties,
- For Boards, be it zoning or planning, to do what is BEST for the community, not basing decisions solely on their personal agendas.

- We need to look at zoning as well as the members of planning board for Town, it is around that they are open to change.
- Communication and engagement with the community. Having open meetings and forums during the weekend to involve all of our residents.
- Millerton would be an ideal place for tech start ups, any business that does not tax resources or compromises its natural beauty.
- Start a business development committee. Perhaps collectively ideas can be generated.
- Be proactive and seek businesses compatible to our character.
- Have rules about how commercial strip can look to preserve a more quaint feel. Ex: in Freeport, ME the buildings have to have a New England architecture, even McDonalds.
- I think we need to be careful to promote businesses that will help us maintain the appeal of the Town and Village.
- Just not making it difficult for businesses to come in such as the years long process to get the grocery store that never happened or the current Dunkin Donuts proposal that is dragging on.
- Encourage ecotourism, promote railtrail access
- Local housing for workers
- Create a local economic development committee drawing on the expertise of the retiree and weekend residents with experience in that field
- Need better quality public school to attract young professionals
- Keep nice small-town feeling, which would attract good-type development.
- more technical train schools like BOCES
- Make sure the kids at the high school know how to make change in their head instead of Trigonometry and other classes not needed if you are not headed to college. More BOCES!
- Provide affordable housing to create a local job force.
- Low taxes and less zoning regs
- lower taxes
- Active recruiting
- Sewer District, as mentioned. Parking, as mentioned.
- keeping the town resident friendly. Residents pay taxes and support local businesses.
- lower taxes
- Pave the entire parking lot next to Harney Tea & Oakhurst Diner, surely our local taxes can pay for that. It's unnecessary and unsightly.

- Do something creative with the empty train depot in town, it's beautiful & has great potential (retail? community center? arts center?)
- More food festivals promoting local producers?
- New or reinvigorated chamber of commerce to include also locals who are not business owners; all with a heavy online presence
- Real estate tax abatements for investment in new businesses, low cost housing, agricultural product processing, agricultural animal processing
- Public sewer system
- get a sewer system; rezone and develop the rail plaza; link the businesses on the boulevard - do we need all those parking lots?
- Hire a part time business development individual to actively develop a strategy and pursue businesses (existing or startups). Other places have done it successfully.
- Target creative businesses and people that can telecommute
- Have incentives to encourage business - not drive business away
- Less regulations and professional oversight of projects
- New small businesses need a place to get started. Re-purpose existing unused spaces into a mix of office and workshop space at an affordable price to give entrepreneurs a place to try out new ideas. The former elementary school is a good example of a property which would be good for this type of project.
- up-to-date zoning regulations, a working sewer system, and a business-friendly Planning Board
- Offer tax incentives.
- Lower taxes
- Fix infrastructure and communications
- Use of PILOTS and 485-B tax exemptions to entice preferred businesses
- I think this is done very well now
- Get Town Board and zoning to let industry in
- Something for young people
- Something with future
- Reach out across the country, and promote the small town safe clean environment .
- Revisit our zoning
- Tax abatement for small companies
- incentives, leadership with vision, sewer, sewer, sewer

- MENTORSHIP AND INTERNSHIPS FOR TEENS
- GREATLY NEED BETTER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES
- more events and programs hosted and offered by the town & village to promote diversity, inclusion, tolerance for all cultures and lifestyles. Events that are geared toward fulltime residents, not just weekenders. Sometimes it seems like the NECC and the library are the only organizations in town that care about all of its diverse residents.
- More technical training education
- Apprenticeships
- Renovate the train station to house eclectic shops
- Upgrade local education . Promotional outreach.
- Financial incentives to attract new business.
- Put out a positive attitude that you are willing to work with prospective businesses and show that you won't just acquiesce but are willing to meet half way and be reasonable
- Keeping area quaint and rural, what makes it attractive
- Businesses people/community will use
- Market through social media and tourism
- Set up matches of landowners who have fallow land and people who want to rent fields as tenants for active farming.
- keep the rent down so we can attract small business owners to keep the charm and appeal of Millerton going.
- Fund central sewer. Construct rental and affordable housing. Marketing campaign to attract skilled workers to live here. IMPROVE public school so that young couples move here for the quality of education
- Work with Berkshire-Taconic, Millerton Business Assoc., The Dutchess County Development Council, and the Tri-State Business Assoc. to encourage new employers to the area and grow existing businesses.
- Don't know
- Tax incentives
- Make it attractive to businesses by canvassing more of the population....
- Lower taxes and incentives for small farms
- Put in a sewer system
- Offering some incentives for businesses to come to North East/Millerton
- The village must have a sewer system. Economic growth will be crippled until that happens.

- Tax incentives given to new business owners during their first 5 years.
- Invite residents of Millerton who are serious, accomplished business people (locally or elsewhere) to drive the discussion on development
- Tax incentives, training of population, advertising
- Invite residents with business connections to strategize and ultimately to invite their business colleagues to invest in the area
- Duh, how about being more receptive to things like Midas instead of dictating how many of a certain business will be allowed. This is a competitive world we live in.
- Motel/hotel for groups/weddings (not \$\$\$).
- Create a rail trail tourist mecca along N Center Street inspired by the 19th c. hotels and railroad buildings that were there.
- need sewer system!
- Don't want more business
- Provide and make easy to find, a place perspective business owners can go to get their logistical/technical questions answered and where Millerton can be promoted as a welcoming place to live and work.
- Improve internet speed / availability - if we speed it up, they will come.
- Perhaps offer tax credits? Millerton has a reputation for being a quaint town and we need to encourage that continued way of thinking.
- Some chain stores that have a good reputation for how they treat their employees. Co-op based food market or similar. Of course unselfish leadership is the only way a community thrives so there can be all the good ideas in the world and if there is friction or self interest or promotion by a few with power then nothing will get done. (As we have seen)
- sewers. Youth led entrepreneurial start ups.
- I will have to think about this
- If there are more lodgings for people who may not have weekend properties here to come and hike and enjoy the village, it will be great. However, parking is already tight here. Also, we don't want to be like Rhinebeck where it is over-developed.
- hiking, biking, boating, climbing activities + attendant equipment rental, clothing, training, supply center
- Improved grocery store (like Adams or Guido's), specialty foods (i.e. bakery), bike store, outdoor cafe in summer, ice cream shop, and a new fast food tenant in location of the prior McDonald's.
- Stop spreading and populate the existing structures so people can park and walk, not drive east then north. Better for shoppers, better for the aesthetic. Show leadership, develop a plan, pass zoning that supports that plan and stick to it.

- don't know
- God Bless the Millerton Little League. Win/Loss% >>change!
- Manage to lower the rental or lease market for commercial properties to allow for more entrepreneurial feats to be undertaken. Additional storefronts that actually have convenient parking.
- Social media
- Better marketing and PR for why we are such a great place to be
- Engage residents with strong business networks to help attract desirable businesses
- Review present regulations to make it easier to open and conduct business here.
- The key to everything being brought up in this survey is a village sewer system that allows future growth. After that state of the art communications that are not available in surrounding communities. That will encourage small tech operations to be heard to the Town and Village. No need to scar the Town landscape with buildings since this group largely works at their homes.
- Lobby Metro North to bring the train back to Millerton as the north terminal.
- We need more recreational activities to draw in people to the area not just a rail trail.
- Have some business that keep prices of products so local people will buy.
- Strong internet infrastructure will bring more young people to the area; look at Chattanooga's boom in web businesses.
- Businesses that attract full/part time restaurants AND tourists.
- Tax breaks for large manufacturing, technology or medical employers (not for housing)
- sewers.
- cultivation of and incentives for the right kind of food business that really capitalizes on and supports local farmers would be catalytic"
- Support of volunteer and not for profit organizations, regular clean up, improve sidewalks and crossing walks, lighting, landscaping. Also, clarify methods of applying for permits.
- Discounted real estate tax for new business
- follow the model of Rhinebeck
- Is zoning laws keeping new development out of Millerton?
- I would say that we should stay away from the suburban sprawl model with an individual store with its surrounding parking lot (like the CVS) Instead plan for a connected architecture like existing original Main Street. Pedestrian friendly"
- Open the idea of use of property for a variety of uses vs. stuck with a particular zone.
- Allow a property owner an opportunity to have in home businesses respecting neighbors

- informal community gatherings where citizens and business owners can discuss ideas.
- Our Future where we live and raise our children. Place based education to develop well rounded citizens."
- Add turning lanes to light on Rt 22. Reroute truck traffic.
- I would recommend the creation of a business improvement district so that there would be a dedicated revenue stream to enable the merchants and property owners to promote the great assets of Millerton. This organization could work along side Townscape and could undertake marketing and promotion of all the assets, and resources of the Town and Village.
- junk the zoning regulations and make a common sense approach to the problems of business with limited property
- Build affordable housing within the town limits. This will promote business development.
- Tax incentives for new and existing businesses; incentives for existing commercial real estate owners to keep their properties in top condition or redevelop them for new businesses. Penalties for those who allow properties to fall into disrepair.
- keep up what you have been doing; tax abatements; improved the school system for prospective families
- Whatever magic marketing Rhinebeck uses
- make sure local businesses are not over-taxed
- Create a marketing plan and seek out potential businesses that fit what we have to offer
- Find a sewer system solution as real estate developers want existing infrastructure before considering building in Millerton
- Promote flexible land use options to allow for cluster housing and creative uses of larger tracts of land
- Lower the taxes.
- Have the board stop fighting about letting local businesses come in that don't meet the boards idea of cute and charming. Stop thinking of only the weekend clientele
- Decent rents. Caring landlords. Merchant organization that supports businesses of all kinds.
- Link the type of business to the surrounding attractions/resources
- Mixed Use so that the village is not such a ghost town at night. People to work and live in the village
- A plan for development that incorporates residents, business owners and the entire community coming together. Modeled after successful towns such as Old Forge, NY.
- Business loans from local banks for local people. Actively recruit businesses that we want, not just those that want to come in to make money and take it away with them.

- Teach entrepreneurial skills at the high school, give incentives to local people to stay here, make it easier to get re-zoning for home businesses."
- utilize building we have to maintain small town feel
- Combining cultural events with the businesses. The businesses have fundraising events where 10% of sales go to schools and non profit organization throughout the region. This would bring people in from surrounding areas.
- Identify an available property that could be developed as a business campus.
- lower rent costs
- Develop and embody a compelling message: Northeast-Millerton: How can we serve you? or Northeast-Millerton: We love our neighbors. Or something else along these lines.
- Stop letting the planning board/DEC discourage growth
- Development of Rudd pond
- producing a profile, brainstorming with current population, developing a committee to research and reach out to potential businesses
- With Silo Ridge just south of us in a Amenia, I hunk reaching out to them could be an option. Also, if there were workshops to help people take out loans to open businesses, I think more people might attempt it.
- Is zoning a problem? Some sort of incentive to update tired buildings and spaces
- I would suggest funding for worker cooperatives, or worker cooperative training. And I would suggest the town supporting more locals to start up small businesses, rather than wait for outside investment to come in.
- Open mind to healthy development.
- Offer new incentives
- "Get better real estate brokers to lease space perhaps from NYC
- Promote entrepreneurship "
- high speed internet could help lure freelance/tech workers from NYC. Emphasize easy access via Metro North, cozy cafes to work in, etc. Maybe a co-working space?
- Offering incentives to new businesses, working with landlords to make leasing easier.
- keep rents down
- We need to have village gatherings and meet ups. 4 times a year we should have one organized so that everyone who is a resident of the village can come and meet each other. Maybe start with a Founders Day party or something like that!
- small, local and affordable businesses. Another grocery store to help drive down prices and help improve quality. I prefer to drive 30 min to Rhinebeck for a decent grocery store than shop in Millerton or Amenia grocery stores

Q24 Please share any other issues, concerns, or suggestions you have about the Town of North East and Village of Millerton.

- Regarding the creation of a unified town/village web-page, see Art Bassin's Ancram blog "abassin@aol.com"
- I fully realize that it was by ""big city"" money and spending that Millerton regained income and life. However, that too has come at a price. No longer does it belong to the local residents who have to go out of town for essentials, or even a sit-down coffee break. This is what frightens us about losing Saperstein's and McDonald's.
- We need fair-paying employment and affordable places to live but would also like to shop here. How great if all these elements could be combined and balanced to benefit everyone.
- We are blessed with competent and caring people who devote their time and effort to serve the public. This just adds to our Small Town feel. All of this is truly appreciated."
- Happy to help with the grant writing. It's what I do for a living! cgazak@gmail.com Christine Braunstein
- I support the idea of including code restrictions to promote dark night sky!
- Newspaper reports on all Gov. meetings. Newspaper report on solar array, water tower antennae, police fines = income on all three.
- Arnoff was allowed to build in the Village (next to old K.E. facility) on a wetland-swamp and on property line.
- But we could not have a Hannaford Shopping Center that everyone (that we know) wanted. Minor personalities prevented needed progress. Hannaford or like store should be asked to come back and be welcomed!"
 - 1. High School Taxes
 - 2. Lower speed limit to include Irondale section of Rt 22 to 45 MPH (55 MPH has become the new 60 MPH)
 - 3. Polite letters should be sent to home, rental or business owners regarding clean-up of their properties.
 - 4. Decision for a new Hanniford or Tops Supermarket should have been a public referendum or at least a survey such as this.
 - 5. No more galvanize sided buildings or businesses
 - 6. Opportunities lost due to zoning:
 - Hannifords or Tops
 - Veterans Health Center
 - Dunkin' Donuts
 - Playhouse

- Stewards
 - There may be more
- 7. Suspicious Zoning - Arnoff's storage building built on a swamp with pay-for-storage facility built on property line.
- 8. How much money is being saved or made with the solar array & the water tower antennae?
- It was difficult to complete this survey because some questions are ""Tricky"" and can be taken two ways.
- Heading in the right direction, even if the going is slow. THX
- every building/infrastructure project should include "green" attributes, especially solar and wind, and passive processes
- Clean up and improve public and privately owned properties to keep a hometown rural character. Basils evergrowing junkyard, the old Getty station, the old BP station, the American legion has turned into the local bar room. Go into the Millerton market listen to the conversations, everyone is going to the legion to drink regardless if you are a vet or not. It has turned into the local bar room. Look at the parking lot and see all the cars on a daily basis.
- It never used to be like that. If people don't follow code and keep up their property's
- maintenance lawn care, junk, junk cars in excess the code needs to be enforced. "
- Would like to see horses trails along the Rail Trail for those in the Town of North East who have horses.
- I also believe in having zoning to protect Dark Skies and not allowing light pollution
- Is it possible to recruit community residents to serve on committees for these issues? How well are the board meeting publicized? Is the public encouraged and openly invited to attend?
- basic environmental protection is a great idea, but when it begins to stunt growth or prevent landowners from upgrading or improving it goes too far, new technologies (solar and electric cars) need to prove themselves before we spend part of our limited resources on installing them. This could easily be good money after bad.
- Sidewalks! Speeding up and down Old Sharon Rd is dangerous. We live .25 miles from the Village Center and I hold my breath in fear of getting hit with my two girls.
- I live outside the village. I am unclear as to how the water bill is calculated. Is there a minimum amount charged each quarter? This information should be readily available on the website but I can't find it.
- Please get on the sidewalk issue. Thank you
- Strongly urge Town & Village to be one entity

- You want affordable housing. Give tax breaks to us who already provide affordable housing!
- Many people seem to be trying to turn Millerton into NY City. I lived and worked in NYC. I don't want that here. Rude, Noisy, Pushy People Running Roughshod over a Quiet Easy Going Town. Each "Improvement" costs us Money and seems to be mostly "Showy".
- Expand on work done by North East Community Center with respect to recreation; Vocation; plus Town wide Involvement For Teens and Young Adults aimed at retaining and employing them for the FUTURE!
- Pretty Grand Idea, Aye.....?
- The village is not an economically sustainable municipal entity. It is very unlikely that its capacity to increase its tax rateables can keep up with its increased costs of operation. The result will be a continued pattern of under maintained infrastructure which will undermine the ability of the village to adequately serve its residents and businesses. This is not a criticism those who serve in its government all of whom are dedicated people. It is simply an economic reality that must be acknowledged and addressed. It should engage an entity such as the Municipal Resource Center at Pace University to undertake an objective study to explore merging with the town so we have a single government providing us with local municipal services.
- The Fire District must begin to explore regionalization of its services. The inability to attract volunteers who live and work in the area will only increase with time and the costs will continue to grow. A regional solution will reduce the duplication of the increasingly expensive capital costs and enable those that are needed to be spread over a larger tax base. A similar approach must be taken with ambulance services. "
- This is becoming an enclave for the rich and the privileged and it's disgusting
- need some zoning to avoid light pollution. want the sky to stay dark at night. Also avoid noisy manufacturing near residential areas.
- Keep it nice, and please enforce zoning. Stop excessive noise, e.g. long periods of barking from the kennel, plus groups of dirt bikes racing all over the place.
- allow solar in the Town
- Why not have solar in the Town?
- A slaughter house should be a private endeavor which regulations could allow/encourage.
- Please quit coming up with ways to raise taxes on residents - encourage businesses to come in and let them fund the improvements.
- Stop trying to control all development and character aspects in the Village and Town
- the whole place is paying for a garbage company, we have no choice there
- Small point but the area needs Uber or additional taxi services.

- Thank you for asking us these questions. Please let the community know if we can help with man hours and/or monetary contributions to keep this planning going and implement the favored ideas!
- Consolidate both government services to improve effectiveness, save money, and reduce the number of required officials.
- Things are too darned cliquish now, with hostility by locals toward the people who weren't born here. The newcomers are not hostile to the locals, although they could learn to improve their manners somewhat. We should respect each other, be open to getting to know one another, and realize we are dependent upon one another. Change this and our community will be better and happier for everyone, which now is divided and dysfunctional socially and politically.
- Also, we do not want to become a tony and cutesified village. Let's keep the rural character but borrow from elsewhere as needed and move forward so people feel there is opportunity here for them and their families."
- My concern is the divide between new comers and long term residents - how do we talk to each other to create a better place. The hatred aimed at "liberal New Yorkers" by locals at Cumberland Farms and in the hardware store is disturbing. The perceived distain of newcomers is also a problem. "They tell us how things should be. They won't let us hunt on their property, etc. Both sides have their points but somehow this has to be addressed and discussed.
- "A lovely area with much historical significance. Please find ways to promote our community. The Rail Trail is a wonderful draw to our town. The Movie house should be supported and encouraged. Please consider tax incentives for the small business services industry, and of course, Harney Tea, to keep them in this area.
- Thank you for all this hard work and study to improve and support our Millerton!"
- Among other natural resource protections, also protect the night sky. See <http://www.darksky.org/> we could easily add this to our zoning if listed as a comp. plan priority and the result would improve enjoyment of the stars at night, would save money, and improve public safety.
- Consolidation of the two governments should be pursued. There are not enough people qualified to serve in the existing elected positions and volunteer boards. Duplication of services and facilities is an unnecessary expense. The entities can be preserved for county, state and federal funding purposes at the same time.
- Incentives and financial assistance exist for such consolidations.
- The Town of North East has a great resource in the natural beauty of the land as enhanced by centuries of agricultural development, its location on Rt. 22 which both makes it accessible and gives it access to higher density population centers, and its critical mass of shops and services in the town center for everyday living. The Comprehensive Plan's

primary goal should be to preserve these resources and prevent any radical changes that are inconsistent with them. The plan should support small businesses and locally owned farms at the expense of chain operations, and eschew large generic warehouse-type buildings and housing facilities.

- Combine the Town and Village and only have one government
- Working together and communicating ,will move the town and village in the right direction.
- Need to improve the school district. Bought a house in Millerton in 2016 because of the charm of the Village and the opportunity to grow our family along with an up and coming Hudson Valley town. But after almost 2 years we are strongly considering putting our house up for sale and moving to a different school district for our children.
- See previous comments about entrenched racism and other forms of hatred/intolerance in the town and village.
- Having a truck route thru the center of town is an inconvenience and obstacle to the town's future. I wish that in the past our ancestors had considered this but that is water over the bridge . A town bypass ,north and south would be nice but maybe unattainable. "
- Maintaining our agricultural heritage takes work... it doesn't happen by itself, just by neglecting it. The village and town need to preserve farms and open space by lobbying the county and the Dutchess land conservancy to purchase development rights from farmers, and to buy land or easements on open space opportunistically.
- Any new development must be focused on the walkable part of the village, not on sprawl outside of it.
- I love Millerton and everything about it. I would favor business growth and development while maintaining its current village charm. No high rises, no condos. It is a great place to live. Clean up Route 22 just south of town and that hole in the ground iron place. Clean up the side street by Taro's. Clean up the riff raff.
- Develop ways to collaborate with neighboring municipalities to promote the mission to options maintain rural character and boost employment and affordable housing
 - "1. Let's build friendships w/ existing groups to encourage the employment opportunities we want and to grow local businesses too.
 - 2. We need more affordable housing in the Town and Village (especially the Village).
 - 3. Also, please consider ways to adapt existing structures in the Town and Village for use as light industrial and artisan spaces.

- 4. Last, given our ecology/topography - which limits our industrial growth. Let's encourage environmental research centers to locate here for teaching, tourism, and entertainment development."
- "It can't be overstated how challenging it's going to be for future retailers to make money and compete with direct shipping from places like Amazon. I hear a lot of people say they want another clothing store to replace Saperstein's, but that's not realistic. Everyone orders online. It saves them time and it's much more convenient. It's the future and we need to be realistic about that. A lot of people complain about too many antique stores but they actually make fiscal sense unlike a place selling mass produced clothing that's easy to order online. In other words, it's only going to get more and more important in the future for Millerton to recruit new businesses to fill up commercial spaces lest we end up with dollar stores and Dunkin Donuts all over the place.
- School consolidation and or charter school of excellence
- Again recruit business that are needed in our community. Such as Clothing, food,
- Main street businesses that also cater to the locals who live here year round.
- Find a way to get more of a year round population to live her by getting business to relocate her. Such as IT businesses or Amazon. "
- Problem with zoning is the way it can be administered to suit selected individuals. A perfect example, I live in area where duplex housing is permitted yet the town fought anybody looking to build that type of residence. There are those that would deny that but I and a neighbor were victims. The town has to grow or it will die. A decent grocery is a must, before that is likely to happen. Too many people have their head in the sand resisting any change. The rail trail helps but the loss of Saperstein's and recent empty store fronts who knows. We need to build a tax base and work toward creating an environment that promotes local shopping. We had that 40 years ago.
- Encourage home and business owners to better maintain their buildings, grounds and surroundings walkways.
- 1. The Rail Trail opening has the potential to ignite tourism and outdoor recreation. Let's make a masterplan for historically inspired development along N Center Street.
- Current tax system is regressive as large landowners from NYC who can clearly afford the taxes are able to get farm exemptions while smaller properties have to pay full freight. This penalizes a lot of local full time residents.
- When is Millerton going to get a decent grocery store? I have lived here 25 years and still have to go to Torrington, Kingston, or Hudson for monthly grocery shopping. Freshtown is the only reasonable priced local store. We are not all weekender that think Labonne's and Sharon Market "are so quaint" ! The community has really suffered due to the lack of cooperation in not letting Hannaford's for similar come to Millerton. That said housing is more than likely the reason I will have to move from the area. TOO Expensive!!

- As an older resident-I'd like to see some kind of organization- like ivillage- to provide support for property maintenance, transportation, cultural events. I'd like to see higher design quality of new developments encouraged and even regulated.
- My concern on some of the questions is how much more the local county and state governments will impact home and landowners with regulations and government overreach.
- Stop spending money to pursue the obvious agenda underlying this survey, which seems to be “draw more people to the area.” Other than strict zoning, the “improvements” suggested above are marginal at best, some will attract more people to an already over populated area (we avoid the village on summer weekends already), and many are well outside what I would consider the scope of government.
- Waiting newsletter for March referendum? Vote for trip >> Baseball game!
- Sincerely remain -
- Town and Village are two different beasts, handle them accordingly for all levels of each municipality. Not all solutions will have the efficacy desired in both jurisdictions, adapt, without hesitation, or else those blanket solutions will smother everyone. Find more champions for your cause amongst the younger adults that miraculously are still living here, for they are the heirs to this process.
- Many people strongly feel the current highway superintendent is not doing the job he should be. We ask that the position be elected. He has been the superintendent for around 20 years now and it's time for someone else to take over this position. Thank you.
- The Millerton Movie House is central to Millerton's Village revival. When not showing movies one of more of the theaters should be a resource for Village and Town activities.?
- Change village street lights to LED. Brighter and cheaper to operate.
- The village and Town must keep after Central Hudson to Improve their service to our area. Too many power outages. Central Hudson must be prepared when a major storm is forecaster. They also have to up date there equipment."
- or any items checked not sure I would want more information on economic viability.
- There are already bike rentals in town.
- We have plenty of trails and paths to walk."
- Connect Rail Trail north Continue to provide good low cost food to local citizens
- Create an email list and website where public can be educated about the issues and leave comments and opinions Villiage Voice"
- The Town/Village has been a wonderful place to live for the past 20 years. I feel safe, stimulated, excited and gratified by its beauty. It is a place worth preserving and enriching. Thank you to all the people who made this comprehensive plan update possible. I believe

simply by doing it you are helping us all bring our awareness of how special this community is and how much we love it.

- Being an educator, I am concerned with the fundamental examples we use to educate our children. I would like to develop a nature explore facility for our children to have the opportunity to learn important life skills as they develop. Our natural resources are extremely important to protect along with our human resources.
- Currently the Millerton gun club is allowed to shoot 7 days a week sunup to sundown and have allowed numerous members from out of town and state to shoot all day every if they want, along with local members, for a small membership fee.
- The people who live in the Village and town and pay taxes, have no choice but to listen to the gun fire all of the time. We demand at least one day, (Sunday) and no shooting after 5pm. It is not fair that we who live here, have to deal with potential gun fire every day. I do not know any other community that would allow it. To date, the town and village have done nothing to address the problem.
- As I said earlier most of us don't know the difference between the town and village so I would urge merging the two which would result in better coordinated services and more targeted programming and initiatives. I would strongly urge the creation of a public private partnership to support some of the initiatives that need to be undertaken. We have owned our house for 37 years and love this town. Although some would say it has changed, to my mind, despite the loss of some key businesses, and some turnover of businesses things have not changed that dramatically. It still has a wonderful community feel -- I enjoy running into people in town, especially at the Farmer's Market which was not mentioned in this survey, and at local businesses. We should support businesses that do things, i.e. Art exhibits, etc, that are free and encourage people to stop in. I think we should explore ways to strengthen the Farmer's Market. I also think that the effort to move the Schoolhouse was an amazing undertaking and that kind of community action could be applied to marketing our local businesses.
- desist in making impossible demands on core businesses in trying to expand or build essential basic material needs. ie food stores , garages , mom and pop types of necessary ventures that fits the needs of our core residents and not just a weekend type of trade.
- A village square developed, maintaining the feel and character of the community with shops and cultural amenities would, without much promotion, make Millerton a destination spot, bring employment and revenue for the town. It's also extremely important to maintain the rural farming character of the town.
- We have watched the town and village thrive over the past 18 years. Let's keep up the positive momentum and embrace change and youth with energy and enthusiasm.
- I am uncomfortable with the creation of too many permanent conservation easements for the following reasons.
 - they lack flexibility and have no provision to change the terms once they are put in place

- they preserve the parcel for agricultural use but what happens when the land is abandoned?
- I am concerned that our public school population is rapidly declining, that the the quality of education provided is not good and that the school taxes are too high."
- I think for a community to be a true community you must share and work together for the better off all, as we all live and share same roads and business, communication is the key to success, there should be no alter egos, this is the way to keep our small town feel that so many love to share. for a true community it must include all ideas and work to blend as many ideas to make all feel as if they really matter, and then and only then are you a true community .
- The village and town should consider a ten year plan to dissolve the village as a municipal entity and merge all services into Town of North East.
- The Town/Village should be real and not become a tourist-dependent place.
- I think a small slaughterhouse to support local farmers is an amazing idea. Anything we can do to help our local farmers is good for everyone.
- Work to create a business-friendly environment while also maintaining our small town charm.
- A shared Recreational Director between Millerton and Amenia would benefit the youth of our school district thus providing quality athletics for our schools.
- Thank you for this opportunity. It is welcome and promises goals that are in many cases badly needed.
- Affordable, small home housing could help integrate into the life of the village people whose labor helps sustain it but who are presently priced out. Rather than build dedicated housing for assisted living, I favor developing the social, economic and physical supports that would allow people to remain in their homes The Village movement is one model: the Towns of Millbrook, and Rhinebeck have begun this kind of initiative"
- Improve Eddie Collins playground including the poll, please!!!
- Please improve the corner of 22 and 44