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The following is a synopsis of my notes on the public comments, in order made without identifying speaker or intensity of presentation. I did these for my own file, but please feel free to circulate to the others if you think it would be helpful. At some point it will be useful to pull together the input from meeting comments and the questionnaire.

- lower speed limit on Rt. 77
- TC is sufficient as is for town needs; don't expand zone; light at intersection will increase congestion; supports sidewalk and bike path expansion
- TC is fine as is
- facilitate development but don't expand
- opposes expansion or greater density; improve appearance and foot/bike access; get professional advice
- need speed limit, sidewalks, elderly housing
- do something with lot next to town hall
- tax vacant land to spur development
- regs are too expensive for developers; need to attract business; slow speed limit; encourage business (sidewalks, trees)
- keep small rural character, similar to Lincoln, MA ; OK on town green and sidewalks
- Cape is small town with little traffic; need more traffic to support business expansion
- lower speed limit; other services are nearby; need to beautify and have more small businesses
- lower speed limit; don't add to congestion; keep pastoral quality
- likes small town aspect; needs beautification and place to gather for public events, notices; bike racks
- wants village green; no condos or residential over retail
- need town green for gathering place
- keep public informed
- don't zone away agricultural land
- regs stress design quality but are too expensive for development; give incentive to developer in exchange for contribution of land for green space; consider RP2 zoning issues on certain parcels
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My general sense of the meeting, but noting the relatively small sample, is that there were many attendees in favor of lowering the speed limit on Rt. 77, having

a town green, improving foot and bike access, and some beautification. There was vague support for additional business, and some special interest comment on cost of development. There was significant sentiment against expanding the town center zone. There was some sentiment against adding residential space, but that particular subject was not addressed on a pro/con basis.

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