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Town Center Survey Takeaway

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The following are what I came away with from a review of the survey (thanks for the hard work compiling). I ended up selectively taking survey ideas and blending with thoughts of my own.

The whole subject of residential space above commercial for affordable and/or elderly housing should be addressed, but probably after special consideration and advocacy. This is something that may have to come from the committee on its own motion, as the survey doesn't have a whole lot to say on the subject, but it is important and I hope we say something in the report.

- Town center characteristics to be preserved are: small, simple, low key, compact, and with services that are either basic (grocery, pharmacy) or pleasant (bakery, restaurant, gallery).
- Weave together a modest blend of commerce, culture and local gathering place. The goal is to have a town center where people go for certain shopping, municipal functions (school, library, town offices) and a place to meet and enjoy (town green, benches, playground, bulletin of town events, functions for holiday season, memorial day events and the like). The design feature will be a landscaped connection among facilities devoted to these purposes.
- Pursue acquisition of the parcel next to town hall, and work with Library committees to blend in land around new library. Discuss with CELT having nature walkways on its property integrated with the other green spaces.
- Reconcile harmoniously the needs of vehicle (under way and parking), bicycle and pedestrian traffic. This envisions slower passage of vehicles, safer crossings for pedestrians, and provision for bicycle lanes and racks.
- Achieve a visual cohesiveness, "the look" that will capture Cape Elizabeth's uniqueness. The emphasis will be on landscape design aspects, leaving structural aspects to private development and the marketplace

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Thank you Peter. This reads like recommendations in the final committee report.

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