

2010 Proposed Outline

What makes Brookline attractive now?

- Reasons why residents live in Brookline—55% said personal choice, 50% said location, 49% said quality of life
- Residents are attracted to Brookline's small town atmosphere, rural character, and uncrowded and quiet living.
- Other factors contributing to Brookline's quality of life include its natural landscapes, low crime rates, and a strong public school system.
- Citizens are invested in the community. A majority of respondents said they plan to live in Brookline for 20-30+ years or beyond retirement.

What are areas of concern now and in the future?

- High taxes for both schools and municipal operations.
- Lack of commercial development and business.
- Maintaining rural character

What is the overall vision for Brookline?

- Rural character combined with 21st century technology, environmentally progressive strategies, and local services.
- Traditional New England look and feel.
 - Maintain and enhance quaint, rural community character.
 - Big box stores and chains should not be encouraged.
 - Simple, walkable town center with businesses and indoor and outdoor gathering places.
 - Bicycle and pedestrian friendly—safe walking/biking routes to town center, schools, recreation facilities
- Sustainable and self-sustaining community
 - Community for a lifetime—long term affordability
 - Environmentally progressive
 - Provide additional retail amenities to limit trips out of Town and support the local economy, including grocery store, cleaners, restaurants, carwash, laundry mat, hardware store, garden store, and toy shop. Encouraging additional businesses and offices to locate in Brookline is rated as having high impact and high feasibility in the Rt. 13/130 plan.