

**Please Read and Fill this Out Individually.
They will be discussed at each table.**

Draft Vision Statement - This is how we want the Town to be **in the future**:

In the Year 2019, the Town of Charlton is recognized as having a high quality of life, exceptional livability, a strong identity, civic pride, and opportunities for all citizens to participate in our community life. We have managed residential and business growth in a way that has retained our essential rural and historic character, a quality environment, and active agriculture. Charlton is a community that sets high standards for protecting and maintaining the quality of our built and natural environment. Charlton remains essentially a farming and rural residential community, and the Hamlet of Charlton serves as the focus for community life. Town government provides quality community services and effectively responds to concerns and needs of all citizens. Our infrastructure is consistent with the rural nature of our town, the capacity of our resources, and with our growth management strategies.

(1) Do you agree with this statement? Check one of the following choices:

 31 I agree with this statement

 1 I do not agree with this statement

 3 I agree with some, but not all of it. Please indicate where you do not agree:

add diversity in residences or add idea of diversity of housing to all economic groups. (2 people) / add "limited" to business growth third line because limited business growth should be secondary goal/ The second sentence, especially managing commercial, high density development is most important – these activities should be limited to defined areas of our community to avoid the sprawl that is the norm in neighboring towns./ Businesses should be special use only./ Last sentence could also be "our infrastructure will be designed to keep pace with the planned growth, maintaining the rural character of the town within the boundaries of the zoning ordinance."/

Draft Goals

(2) Please indicate with a "✓" how well you agree with each of the following draft goal statements for the Town of Charlton.

<p>Goal 1 – Guide development through land use programs and policies so Charlton remains a quality community and where future development, residential and business, is consistent with the character, environment, and culture of Charlton.</p> <p><i><u>Comments: special use only/business and high density residential areas must be defined by strong zoning/last line should be "Charlton remains an essentially historic, rural, residential and agricultural community ie..combine goals 1 and 2./add "strengthen zoning as needed"/we need to be mindful of individual property rights/I would like to see it stay the same with no big business/statement is broad to the point of</u></i></p>	<p><u> 26 </u> I Agree</p> <p><u> 2 </u> I Do Not Agree</p> <p><u> 8 </u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
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<p><u>ambiguity/add “regulatory and non-regulatory” in front of land use programs/Beware of over regulation and too much govt/ deemphasize land use programs, defer to zoning changes and businesses encouraged that fit with the character of the town./ add “residential and bu siness development” before consistent with.../be aware of over regulation and government involvement. Balance of government regulation and property owners rights.</u></p>	
<p>Goal 2 – Charlton remains an essentially historic, residential and agricultural community where businesses enhance the quality of life for our citizens, and maintains our town’s unique character. <u>Comments:customary home occupation only/small family owned, unique businesses/add “small” in front of business and add “change zoning to get goals”/businesses that are family based not large commercial businesses/should not emphasize “business enhance” the quality of life./similar to goal 1 (several people said combine 1 and 2)./delete business(4 people suggested)/we need more business/delete “where businesses” and reword accordingly – reduce emphasis on business./ local businesses should be encouraged and promoted that fit with rural and historical character of town. Even to the point of drawing from outside town boundary./ Change first line to read “Charlton essentially remains an historic...”/</u></p>	<p><u>28</u> I Agree <u>2</u> I Do Not Agree <u>6</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 3 – The town’s unique identity and its rural, historic and aesthetic character are protected and enhanced. <u>Comments:remove “identity and its”(2 people)/ what does enhanced mean?</u></p>	<p><u>31</u> I Agree <u>0</u> I Do Not Agree <u>4</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 4 – While respecting landowners rights, the town’s rural vistas and scenic views are identified, protected, and enhanced for the enjoyment of all. <u>Comments:only if the town is willing to purchase land through a land conservancy/ funding to be required, ie land conservancy selling development rights, give permanent tax relief on subject properties.</u></p>	<p><u>26</u> I Agree <u>2</u> I Do Not Agree <u>8</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 5 – The Town’s environmental resources, especially groundwater quality and quantity, are protected. <u>Comments:use particularly instead of especially as this shows that we are concerned but not blind to other aspects/quality vs quantity cannot be protected/water quality is affected by the surrounding cities and towns./quantity can not be regulated. Quality protection is important/</u></p>	<p><u>28</u> I Agree <u>0</u> I Do Not Agree <u>7</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>

<p>Goal 6 – Open spaces exist to protect the environment, provide recreational benefits, and to maintain the unique character of the town. <i>Comments: <u>who pays for them? Individual landowners should get tax relief or subsidy to maintain open spaces/add to protect agricultural land/add after benefits “provide scenic vistas, protect agricultural land,...(2 people)/add to protect environment/</u></i></p>	<p><u>27</u> I Agree <u>1</u> I Do Not Agree <u>8</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 7 – The Town promotes activities that enhance community pride and citizen involvement. <i>Comments:</i></p>	<p><u>34</u> I Agree <u>1</u> I Do Not Agree <u>2</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 8 –All community facilities and programs are open to all and easily accessible. <i>Comments: <u>add “residents” after all/ add “readily accessible and” before open to all/</u></i></p>	<p><u>31</u> I Agree <u>0</u> I Do Not Agree <u>4</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 9 – Existing structures have been creatively used and adapted for community benefit. <i>Comments: <u>add “efficiently” after creatively (3 people)/limit new buildings and renovate existing structures/ As long as historic preservation does not have an overly negative impact on project costs or functionality.</u></i></p>	<p><u>31</u> I Agree <u>0</u> I Do Not Agree <u>6</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 10 – The Hamlet serves as a focus for Town government, cultural and economic activities. <i>Comments: <u>Will this restrict other areas?/other businesses would be nice to be scattered around town/add at the end “and is well lighted and has walking paths for pedestrians.”/prevent sprawling stores, government buildings throughout the town./Is this possible if new businesses are introduced into the town? If new businesses are built around Rt. 67, it is likely this would create an additional focus area./This goal should include the possibility of economic activities outside of hamlet.</u></i></p>	<p><u>27</u> I Agree <u>0</u> I Do Not Agree <u>10</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 11 – Quality public infrastructure is ecologically sound and does not in itself induce growth and development. <i>Comments: <u>public infrastructure should be developed and maintained in conjunction with comprehensive plan goals./ change induce to promote.</u></i></p>	<p><u>31</u> I Agree <u>1</u> I Do Not Agree <u>2</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 12 – The Town has safe, aesthetically pleasing, quality roads and linked opportunities for biking and walking to serve a diverse population.</p>	<p><u>29</u> I Agree <u>2</u> I Do Not Agree</p>

<p><i>Comments: <u>remove “linked” and remove “to serve a diverse population”/ add where financially feasible/add horseback riding (Charlton needs to do more to protect its horse owners and equestrian based businesses.)/ Bike paths need to be part of roadways – separate and safe./ Presently the roads are unsafe and speed is too fast./ remove “diverse”.</u></i></p>	<p><u>6</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 13 – Transportation assistance is available for senior citizens and those with special needs. <i>Comments: <u>limit town taxes to fund programs/ They are there but people don’t know about them./ quality values emphasize caring for the needy. Cultural values and family responsibility.</u></i></p>	<p><u>28</u> I Agree <u>0</u> I Do Not Agree <u>6</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 14 – Town government is effective, responsive, and innovative. <i>Comments: <u>keep residents best interest in mind</u></i></p>	<p><u>32</u> I Agree <u>0</u> I Do Not Agree <u>3</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 15 –Farmlands are protected and active farms remain economically viable and a major land use in Charlton. <i>Comments: <u>similar to farmland protection protects open space, however protection and assistance to equestrian based businesses is also preserving open space/ only if farm owners want to continue farming. Definitely encourage./ town should help encourage farming community</u></i></p>	<p><u>27</u> I Agree <u>2</u> I Do Not Agree <u>5</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 16 – Parks, open spaces, walking and biking trails, and diverse programs provide high quality, active and passive recreation, and opportunities for educational and cultural development exist for all ages. <i>Comments: <u>would be nice to have but limit tax money spent on recreational items or programs. Keep as is, don’t have to do what other communities are doing./ it would be an oversight if Charlton did not take more steps to support horse riding and equestrian businesses./ Add equestrian into list (several people)/ Who will own and maintain the trails?/ don’t need./keep as is/ too many bike trails already</u></i></p>	<p><u>24</u> I Agree <u>2</u> I Do Not Agree <u>9</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>
<p>Goal 17 – A diversity of well-maintained housing opportunities exist to meet a wide variety of residential needs. <i>Comments: <u>single family homes should remain the focus. Developments and apartment complexes (high density) will have a negative impact on town./ keep high-valued homes with character and charm. No sub-developments, trailers, etc./add “of varying economic levels” at end. This is critical otherwise Charlton could become a community of the affluent who could</u></i></p>	<p><u>25</u> I Agree <u>5</u> I Do Not Agree <u>5</u> I Somewhat Agree</p>

afford expensive homes./ Older people should have an opportunity to remain in town somehow but probably can't afford taxes on a \$300,000 home./ This thought should be in the vision statement./ add "of varying economic levels at the end./ Does this include trailers and mobile homes? What is meant by well-maintained – paint and landscaping?/ As long as they are not condos or apartment complexes./ need housing for seniors – people who can't afford to stay in their homes./affordable housing for seniors needs to be considered./single family homes only/ families should be focus.

(3) Which of the 15 goals do you feel should be a priority for the Town? **Please circle your top three goals:**

The top three priority goals were, in order, Goal 2, Goal 1, Goal 15

- Goal 1 11
- Goal 2 17
- Goal 3 8
- Goal 4 5
- Goal 5 9
- Goal 6 2
- Goal 7 4
- Goal 8 0
- Goal 9 0
- Goal 10 1
- Goal 11 2
- Goal 12 1
- Goal 13 2
- Goal 14 5
- Goal 15 14
- Goal 16 5
- Goal 17 7

Please feel free to add any comments below:

Increase 2 acre minimum for residential building

No big box chain stores

No subdivisions

Lower taxes for longevity of living in community (town). Would also encourage young people to stay who have lived here all their lives and are now on their own. Taxes based on household income.

For farms to exist long term – zoning must be such that it is user friendly ie buildings, signage, easier to sell to the public, etc.

Reward private ownership of land – better than public ownership but how to prevent owner from selling land? (Incentives to put easements on land can help.)

Ideas to realize Goals

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Goal 1: have responsible zoning, limit business to resident services and agricultural/rural nature/ businesses are not on same level as residences. Strengthen zoning regulations with larger lot size requirements and tax incentive programs for large land owners./ develop policies and modify zoning to accomplish goal/ establish committees and be mindful of property rights.

Goal 2: provide zoning relief to be friendlier with ag/rural land uses and offer tax incentives to go along with selling development rights./ use development rights./ strengthen historical committee and relation with town board and zoning office.

Goal 3: zoning should define and layout regulations./ work on grant funding for restorations of historic structures./ modify zoning to accomplish this goal. Address taxation issues to prevent (unreadable word) development and sale of property.

Goal 4: buy development rights and participate in land conservancy. Must include tax incentives. / Town should buy historic view properties./ adopt the comprehensive plan and modify and strengthen zoning ordinance. Establish an open space preservation committee.

Goal 5: Tackle this goal through GIS type info and planning

Goal 6: Put bike and hike paths along roadways/ use easements

Goal 15: use tax incentives, help farm start-ups.

Goal 12: keep as is currently

Goal 17: no high density housing. Disallow townhouses and apartments.