

Bethel Planning Survey January 2006. Response Results and All Comments. [Each individual's comment(s) are followed by a semi colon (;). Comments are clustered in groups of ten only to increase the ease of reading through them.]

2 . “Is it important to have Town Offices located in the Village Center? If no, where located?”

Yes: 382 – 76.1%	No: 97 – 19.3%	No Response: 23 – 4.6%
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Where they currently are; *By the school or new St. Police Building*; Does not matter; *Anywhere*; Where there can be safe, adequate parking; *Place with convenient access/ parking*; The town hall; *I think they could be located near other public service buildings (ie police station or fire station)*; Leave this to town residents and are aware of those issues; *Keep the village intact*;

I thought out by the fire house would be great; *They should be somewhere near the village, but not necessarily in the village*; Toward Royalton; *Benefit not worth the cost unless significant Federal Funds pay for it*; Next to fire station; *At property owned by Vt. Castings*; I think its fine where it is; *Where it's cost effective – put town hall next to fire house. Put up steel building. It would be more cost effective. Any suitable location in town*; Top of Church St. bridge; *A vibrant center needs all services within walking distance of each other*;

I've heard that the renovated town hall would be too small to house the town offices, but it has to be larger than where the town offices are now. I think the town offices should be located in the old town hall when it is restored, on the bottom floor (easy access for disabled, elderly); *Main Street*; Not top priority to be right in center, though it is a desirable quality. Most people drive to town offices, so if the cost of new offices were found to be significantly lower a short distance (2 miles?0 from center, then such a choice would be appropriate; *Outskirts of Town*; Use the renovated Town Hall; *In an office building*; Along Rt. 107; *Does not matter*; Within easy distance of village center; *What have the \$10,000/year appropriations been spent on? Lets get the old Town Hall done!*;

How about the Town Hall; *Old Randolph Nat. Bank Building – old fire dept/Masonic lodge – Richardson's Country store space? If space limitation is b/c an issue*; Seems the center of Bethel is a hard place to develop; If no, where should they be located; *For easy access to all*; They should be within walking distance + on main route; *For this small poor town they are fine where they are now*; Town Hall; *Where it is is fine*; Town offices in the village is at the very least a symbolic gesture in support of our downtown village; *Not necessarily. Village center may pose parking problems*;

Wherever there is a good building for them. Do they need a new structure. Why not fix up a home. How about the house across from the school; *On Rt. 12 or 107 outside of the village center where there could be ample parking*; It doesn't really matter where they are; *Next to fire house*; They should not occupy a premise that could be readily purchased by a business. I.e., they should not occupy the “prime” space in the village center, if possible Rt. 107 between town @ I-89; *Where best and least costly*; Walking distance from the center but maybe more accessible to the interstate side and the Woodstock side; *Not sure, near the fire station*; I would suggest in the center of town's geographic area; *Anywhere in town*;

Next to the fire department on land now owned by Norm Case; *By new firestation*; Very important, bring activity – people into town (? Using Richardson's Store – Town Offices); *So people have easy access – the elderly would find it easier*; I'm not sure but I think it would be easier to find the offices if they were in the Village; *Important for community + to reduce sprawl*; Move back into original town hall after renovations; *Where they are now*; Probably the village center would be preferable; *Where the fire department was*;

I like the current location; *Town center is important to small town New England character. Offices are part of that*; As long as it is relatively close to the village center; *Nearby*; Put in town hall; *Somewhere that has parking*; It would be nice in the center of Town but nearby w/in 1 mile or 2 would be ok. Best practical, economic place i.e. @ the school bldg. if we move to a union school; *Town Hall*; An area with sufficient parking, easy access and maybe more centrally located; *Add on to front of Town Hall*;

How about next to New Fire Dept. on Rte. 12; *Town Hall*; Town offices should be in Town Hall; *Fire house location*; Accessibility for our older residents + those w/out transportation; *Accessibility*; Easy access – safe + adequate parking – location where financial expenditures are most reasonable; *As long as they are near town and easy to locate*; *Town Hall*; (*locate in the village center*) or as nearby as possible;

No but somewhere near the center of town – would think it better for most if they were located in town; *It is customary for town hall to be in town*; Absolutely important to have town offices in village center and pedestrian accessible. Suggested location top of bridge adjacent to town green; *If there is convenient safe parking in old Town Hall*; Either; *Commercial and Town Offices in same place for convenience and to save gas \$*; Near, but with adequate parking + handicap access; *Should be located near village center, but with handicapped access, adequate parking and safe visible in and out*; Wherever convenient to the townspeople and uses of the offices; *I think it adds to the community center. I still think we can make the town hall work*;

By firestation; *Site of present H.S. (Whitcomb) if merger with Randolph H.S. system happens*; It's convenient but parking is dangerous – we could find it wherever; *Where it is is fine*; To attract other development; *Locate near Town Hall, next to Bethel Band Shell where parking is already available*.