

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.]

3. "Should Bethel's municipal infrastructure (that is water, sewer lines, sidewalks, etc) be extended? If Yes, where?"

Yes: 108 – 21.5%	No: 297 – 59.2%	No Response: 97 – 19.3%
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Not a lot at this time – too many areas where 20 acres are required for a house to be built; *Fix the existing ones*; Don't know; *Don't know enough to know*; Taxes would probably just increase; *Due to location of main road, railroad, river, where can you extend to? Only way you could spread out is toward I-89*; Does it make financial sense; *(no answer) Any extension should be combined with maintenance and upgrade of current services*; I don't know enough to comment on this. I would like to see the walkways kept cleared of snow – people shouldn't have to walk in the streets; *Usually these items are within and adjacent to village centers. Costs to extend should be borne by the developers, not the town*;

Leave this to town residents and are aware of the issues; *Sidewalks*; North Main – Highland Ave.; *Not sure where they are now*; Populated areas; *Along route 107 towards interstate*; East Bethel; *Maintain what is in place now*; Sidewalks on both sides of 12; *Rt. 12 + 107*;

We can hardly afford the sewer/water/etc. now; *More sidewalks so the entire Town can be easily/safely walked*; I'm not sure; *Wherever is necessary or would help*; They are adequate; *Encourage/help cable and phone companies bring internet to the hills*; From the overpass (Rt. 107) to North Rd. we need sidewalks ; *I don't think it would be cost effective for such services for the district*; No – unless the user pays for the system; *As conditions merit an extension*;

To areas that may be used for future commercial development; *I don't have enough to answer this*; Probably easiest along Rts. 107 – 12. We first should improve/repair the existing infrastructure before even considering expanding it, our water lines seem to need repair often. Bethel's geography (so linear) doesn't seem to warrant this. People may appreciate independent home systems; *To support whatever commercial and residential development that may spread along Rts. 12 + 107.*; River Street; *Don't know*; We can put emphasis on upgrading the village; *If necessary*; Sidewalks along 12 North especially past trailer park and other side – as far as fire station at least; *The money can be better spent elsewhere*;

But water system does need up grading; *Depends on development*; *Sidewalks* only, from the telephone exchange to pass the current town office; *Where they build on*; Sidewalks – River St. + Pleasant ST.; *Fix + upgrade roads in city limits as no. one priority*; Bethel needs to grow; *With people getting poorer and decreasing population in town. Why why why*; Don't have enough information to answer properly; *Sidewalks – River St. and North Main St.*;

Better fix sidewalks you have; *Not sure where they end*; More pedestrian walk ways; *Along 107 towards 14 + Rutland*; They cannot keep up with what they do already – look at the elem/high school parking lot after snow!; *Don't know x – don't have enough info to render opinion*; If there is development out Rt. 12 towards Randolph; *Keep what we have in good repair*; North Main could use some more definite sidewalk area and keep it maintained! I have people in wheelchairs and the broken areas are very difficult; *I think our municipal infrastructure is fine*;

Replace existing sidewalks toward school especially – maybe town sewer and water in East Bethel; *Not at this time*; Where needed; *Can't afford*; No strong opinion; *Only if it will reduce fees. Most residents find it expensive between H2O + tax bills along w/ life's expenses. I know a couple that may have to sell if fees go up again*; Road improvements, sidewalk extension from Town Center to Recreation Center and school; *Where necessary to improve quality of living*;

Starting from the center and working out; If there is expansion in any direction, municipal infrastructure should also expand; *This will help to establish more businesses;*
To accommodate any new; *North Main St.; Sidewalk upgrade on North Main St.; In heavier populated areas, as money permits;* Along Locust Creek Road – water and sewer – no sidewalks necessary; *We don't know how far it goes now (water + sewer). It doesn't need to extend beyond village;* Wherever needed; *It depends on the cost/benefit ratio. If significant incremental benefits can be realized, then extension should be considered;* Too expensive; *In areas where growth can occur;*

In the ground; *Don't know;* Along 107 towards Rutland; *Don't really know;* -Sprawl! *Just what's needed for the elderly;* If sidewalks can be extended in downtown areas and to local schools, it would help those with limited transportation; *Sewer across the river to North Road, Greenhurst Inn area;* Where there is need; *It seems to me to be a waste of \$ to extend services. Many land owners take care of themselves;*

Since I don't know where the present water and sewer lines go, I can't answer that. We need a schematic drawing of where these services run to answer that ; *As needed for Development continuing out of the village. As cost allows;* The current layout really isn't such that doing so would serve enough add'l people; *Cable service to East Bethel or other means of High Speed Internet. There are non-profit organizations that specialize in getting HIS to rural, mountain areas;* More town water, more sewer; *Since I live in E. Bethel. I can't make an intelligent comment on this;* 107 towards Rutland; *Too much maint. for the small return in user fees;* Unable to comment; *If needed but more important to maintain existing;*

Sidewalks – North Main St.; *Not really sure – live out of village limits;* Sidewalks; 1. *Protection of water supply areas (ground + surface) 2. Riparian zone protection + clean up for the White River. Possible zoning law revisions. Reduction of agricultural run-off is important. Growth of horse back riding may create a need for better (manure) disposal;* No comment; *My opinion is that the focus should be on improving the existing water-sewer system, i.e. METERS! The water-sewer rates in Bethel are OUTRAGEOUS! And I pay double because I own a two-family house which has the same number of bathrooms (2) washers (one) and residents (4) as a one-family home??? Why should I be paying double? METERS, and reasonable rates. PLEASE;* Perhaps, more sidewalks and bike paths; *Sometimes there was too much snow on the sidewalks, thus used the road and felt it was dangerous due to traffic. Sidewalks would be helpful for safety and it would be important that they are cleared in winters sooner than later. Traffic often go fast as they enter town where homes are. Speed limit should be less than they are now and maybe larger sidewalks than they are;* Inside the Village Center – I'm not sure about outside the village. I have been very impressed by the road crew on snow removal; *Mowing and flood repair; Along Rt. 12 towards Randolph;*

Residential areas; *Village., River St., No. Main and want to bring people from extension St. into village, reasons to come to town;* Sand Hill and Route 12 by trailer park; *There is a definite need for more and better sidewalks;* *Don't know. Needs to adequately service village and commercial services;* Sidewalks – N. Main St; *All over;* Sidewalks to the Peavine Park . More/better parking / Village center; *Infrastructure should be extended to facilitate commercial development as required;* Up Watershed Road (sewer lines); *Not educated on this issue;*

Would like to see some electrical wires or poles underground on Royalton Hill Rd.; *Rt. 107 / River Street – Sidewalks – so much busy traffic, a lot of walkers, and no sidewalks leading up to bridge;* Sidewalks – along Rt. 107 for school children; *For new affordable housing;* This would be nice but until we can enlarge our tax base we cannot afford it; *At this time there is too much unused real estate in the village to justify expanding the infrastructure. Should we experience an increase of development though we should expand infrastructure to encourage keeping new development close to existing development;* Sidewalks in all directions to make town easier to move around in and friendlier; *To secure new development which should pay for extending*

those services and for a capital/depreciation fund for the future. Also village center should be fully served; 107 toward S. Royalton. To Brook's, bank, vets; Don't know;
No – unless sewer is put in for folks who are grandfathered in areas that might be polluting the rivers and stream; *For new affordable homes; Don't know their limits now; Sidewalks up N. Main St., up Rte. 12 past trailer park – we have kids walking up there; Sidewalks along No. Main Street, Sand Hill + Pleasant St. as well as River St.; Pay more attention to the detail of what we are paying for, i.e. fines + waste water program that needs fixing; New operator; No. Main St., Sand Hill and Pleasant St; Wherever possible; Fine the way it is;*

N/C; *Very expensive for a limited # of homeowners; Toward whatever direction you will concentrate on development; Upgrade the ones we have before we add any on; We who don't have sewer lines are helping to pay for them; Sidewalks; Wherever necessary; Not sure how much area is currently covered, but it should at least cover the town center; All of the "Downtown" and surrounding area, not currently served; I would need more information as to where, why and cost;*

Sidewalks on Pleasant St. could be extended to trailer park and Bethel U-Save; *Spend that money on town highways; Wherever it is contributing to pollution, or dangerous conditions; Don't know - but let's not do it to attract strip and condo development; Sewer along River Street, sidewalks raised, widened, fixed and maintained during winter throughout town (Main St., N. Main, River St. Church St. Pleasant St.). Current sidewalk conditions are not safe. Need crosswalks in other parts; Not in the next five years, lets see where commercial development evolves and then include sidewalks, safe traffic flow., etc., into the zoning/planning; Don't know; Not sure of it's current limits; No Opinion; Any extension should be balanced by cost to taxpayers. Basically users should pay;*

Both yes + no – I'm not aware of a planned subdivision or commercial development that would benefit from this – do you? If there was a valid need that made economic sense for the community, then let's extend it; *Clearly marked cross walks (more) – enforce speed limit in town and repair sidewalks + potholes on Church St.; If it is expended it should be \$ worthwhile. Not at present time; I'm not knowledgeable about this subject; Along Rt. 107 at least to Greenhurst Inn; Where is it needed?; Should fix the roads; Probably can't afford to extend. But should keep up what we have - safe sidewalks; If it benefits the current infrastructure; Maybe – where are they now? N. Main & Main & S. Main, Church + Pleasant St have them. Does Upper Church? (Sand Hill) – if did Upper Church go only up as far as including Teri Haines house (No further there). Consider including River ST. but not up hill or beyond Greenhurst on Rt 12. (Town would need capital budget planning to pay for this long term.)*