

August 21 – Focus Group #6

16 people attended

USE ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT POWNAL?

nice	peaceful	spread-out
friendly	quiet	outdoors
social	beautiful	slow-paced
potential	home	country

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMAIN THE SAME?

- Everyone is welcome regardless of income
- Keep the rural character
- Keep a sense of history
- Be part of a good school system
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Always lending a helping hand

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

- More volunteer effort
- Increase participation at Town Meeting
- Trail system
- Bike lanes
- More control/voice in education
- Attract more young families
- Create business/village center – business tax base
- Find a way to keep large lots
- Look at Impact Fee Ordinance
- Protect ground water

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE POWNAL IN TEN YEARS?

- Still rural with controlled growth
- School presence in town
- Keeping original families in town
- Look at town services
- Better communication for town and school
- Easier to get involved
- Encourage farmland use
- Agricultural network
- Community market
- Shelter our value
- New zoning to allow town-friendly businesses / village district