

13. Rural Character / Recreation/Open Space

Pownal's rural character is in large part due to our abundance of undeveloped land, open farmland, scenic vistas, country roads, woodlands, and natural streams. Much of our open space is protected by the State (Bradbury), the Town, and private/public easements (Royal River Conservation Trust). Please indicate your support for the following:

- 1) Do you feel we should continue to support and encourage preservation of open space, farmlands, and recreational spaces?
 Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion
- 2) Do you support the use of tax dollars or tax reductions to preserve open space through town-owned easements?
 Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion
- 3) Should we improve access and increase recreational opportunities (hiking, bike trails, snowmobile trails, fishing, etc.) to these and other town-owned properties including continued collaboration with Bradbury Mountain State Park and Royal River Conservation Trust?
 Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion
- 4) Do you support creation of a municipal recreation department to enhance recreational opportunities (adult education, summer day camp, after school activities, creation/management of parks/hiking/biking trails)?
 Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion
- 5) Should the Town be more pro-active in preserving our valuable scenic resources?
 Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion

14. Historic Sites

- 1) Pownal has a number of historic resources (Mallett Hall, one-room school houses, hearse house, and some mill sites). Should these resources be protected by Town ordinances?
 Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion

15. Natural Resources: Water/Wetlands/Forests

Pownal has several large aquifers that supply our wells, as well as natural resources such as brook trout streams, wildlife habitat and soils suitable for farming. Please indicate your support of the following:

- 1) Our aquifers are currently protected by regulations such as shoreland zoning. However increased development could adversely impact the quality and quantity of our water. Would you favor additional review to protect the future of our aquifers?
 Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion
- 2) Do you feel our natural resources (wildlife habitat, wetlands, streams) are sufficiently protected by federal/state regulations and local ordinances?
 Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion

3) Chandler Brook, East Branch, Thoits, and other streams have been adversely affected by practices such road sanding, salting and ditching. Do you feel we should restore our stream water quality and habitat by improving our practices such as sand removal and better erosion control?

- Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion

List any other activities that might be adversely affecting our streams and brooks.

4) Pownal owns _____ parcels. The Town has an integrated forest management plan for some of these parcels. The lack of a land survey is preventing implementation of this plan. Do you support the use of Town funds to get Town lands surveyed?

- Somewhat agree Agree Strongly Agree Disagree No opinion