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**Challenges:**

Road Repair (paved)=3 Green 2 Red

Keeping our strengths= 2 Green

Services for Senior Citizens= 1 Green

Too small of a library= 17 Green 13 Red

Maintaining town Bldg= 1 Green

Zoning Commercial use in the Village= 17 Green

Lowering taxes= 7 Green 1Red

Limited $ to accomplish= 1 Green

Affordable Housing=2 Green 4 Red

55t Housing=3 Green 3 Red

Ability to price rentals attractively due to tax rate=15 Red

Understanding the Ripple Effect=1 Green

Welcoming business through zoning ZBA=5 Green 1 Red

Teen center/coffee house/gathering space=3 Green 2 Red

Limited Library Services=2 green 8 Red

Lack of diversity in the tax base= 0

Increase Revenue= 0

Expand /maintain Vol Base= 3 Green

Maintaining drinking Water Quality=2 Red

More Population requires more services= 1 Green 1 Red

Understanding Long-term tax impact of projects= 2 green

Balancing Growth and Character= 3 Green

Losing empty nesters (less expensive than families)= 2 Green 1 Red

Allow growth without increasing cost=0

Attracting appropriate business to town=14 Green

**OPPORTUNITIES**

Diversify the tax base (attract business)=21 Green 4 Red

Use town land to generate $ Example Cell Towers= 9 Green 1 Red

Improve Lamson Farm= 3 Red

Bed and Breakfast=1 Red

Expanded recreational use “market” =1Green 2 Red

Box Store on Rt 13= 1Green 36 Red

Zoning changes to allow current residents to stay= 3 Red

Encourage business to lower taxes =4 Green 3 Red

Timber Harvest=1 Green

Better utilize MVVS when school is not in session=5 Red

CSH Farming/Farmers MKT=4 Red

**Strengths**

People =2 green

Recreational trails= 2 green 3 red

Village School=7 Green 1 Red

Rural Atmosphere= 3 Green ….. Open Space = 1 Green Agriculture= 2 Green

Views- Mtns

Community Events (Gala, Lamson,Tree)= 6 Green

Peace

Quiet

Tranquil

Museum

Pride=3 Red

Artisans= 5 Green

Want our kids to stay=3 Red

Proximity- close but far

Library, Pop density, Rec. Space, Safety

Community Trust (look out for one another)= 2 Green

Transfer Station

Recycling=2 Green 1 Red

People Connections= 2 Green

Strong Volunteerism= 1 Green

Beauty=1 Green

Dirt Roads= 3 Green

**Threats**

Loss of backyard/ private farming = 1 Green 5 Red

Zoning Violations (hope you don’t get caught)=3 Green 3 Red

Lack of enforcement= 2 Red

Apathy (ie no Rec committee)=2 Green

Night Sky=1 Green 5 Red

Loss of Habitat=3 Green

Mont Vernon will be too expensive to live in (taxed out of town)=3 Green 4 Red

Being absorbed by Amherst (losing identity or Annex0=1 Green 7 Red

Criminal Activity on Rt 13= 13 Red

Too Rapid residential growth=9 Green

Historic Structure loss (water tower/ Berns)=2 Green 1 Red

Dilapidated town bldgs.= 1 Green 1 Red