

**Monterey 2020  
Town of Monterey Community Conversations  
March 22, 2014 Meeting at Town Hall**

**(1) What Are the Agricultural, Business, Cultural, Historical, Municipal, Natural, Recreational, and Social Assets of Monterey?**

Agricultural: Gould Farm

Firth Farm

Lowland Farm

Rawson Brook Farm

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Business: Monterey General Store

(partial) ABC Allentuck

Armstead M D & Associates

Del Martin Automotive

Eric Pedersen

John's Auto Repairs

Harvest Barn

Home-based businesses

Lakeside Terrace B&B

Roadside Store & Cafe

Tryon Construction

Cultural: Bidwell House

Monterey Cultural Council

Monterey News

Local Artisans

OctoberFest

Lake Garfield Association/MontereyFest

Lobsterfest

Steak Roast

Maker's Tour

Memorial Day Parade

1980 Monterey Lights the Way (film)

Historical:

Monterey Historical Society

Monterey School

Native Americans

Community Churches

Grange Hall (Town Hall)

Municipal: Monterey School  
Monterey Library  
Monterey Community Center  
Monterey Town Hall (Grange Hall)  
Monterey Post Office  
Green Park  
Bidwell Park  
Veterans Park  
Monterey Police  
Monterey Fire Company

Natural: Open Spaces/Vistas/Rural Character  
Clean Water - Drinking/Surface Waters  
Forests  
Plants and Animals  
Monterey Preservation Land Trust

Recreational: Appalachian Trail  
Beartown State Park  
Berkshire Fish Hatchery  
Lake Buel  
Lake Garfield  
Steadman's Pond  
Steven's Pond  
Knox Trail  
Skating Rink

Social: Aging Population  
Beauty  
Charm  
Cohesiveness  
Diversity  
Inclusiveness  
Non-partisan  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors  
Pull Together During Adversity  
Values

## **(2) What Are The Needs of Monterey?**

- (a) Keeping the Monterey School program in Monterey
- (b) Complete construction & determine uses for the Monterey Community Center
- (c) Plan to improve/expand programs for the Monterey Library
- (d) Address the needs of our aging population,
- (e) Keep and attract younger residents to live in Monterey
- (f) Town-wide Broadband to sustain businesses, Library, School, Community Center

- (g) Expansion of cell phone service to the entire Town
- (h) Provide additional Village parking for businesses, Church, Library and Post Office
- (i) Additional elderly and handicapped transportation options
- (j) Secure additional funding for School, Library, Community Center, Bidwell House
- (k) Additional sewer & water infrastructure to sustain the Village commercial district
- (l) Additional affordable housing
- (m) Address current Town financial constraints
- (n) Recognize the interrelationships between competing Monterey assets for public/private funding
- (o) Proper preservation of historical/archive records

### **(3) How Do We Address the Needs of Monterey?**

#### Town and Related Infrastructure

- (a) Distinguish between the preservation of the Monterey School building and preserving the School program
- (b) Consider the construction of a multi-use building for the School & Library at the Community Center
- (c) Further collaboration between the Bidwell House, the Library, the Community Center and the Fire Co. to secure grant funding through the creation of an “umbrella” 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization
- (d) Develop a detailed Needs Assessment for all Town facilities
- (e) Consider if the Library is moved to a multi-use building at the Community Center, then the existing Library building could be used for the Monterey School and the old School building could be used by the Monterey Historical Society.

#### Transportation

- (a) Advocate for additional Elderly Transportation with government/private entities
- (b) Advocate with Berkshire Regional Transportation Authority for a handicapped bus route along Route 23. Transport vehicles should be handicap accessible.

#### Business & Job Creation

- (a) Sustain existing businesses in the Village Center by upgrading water and sewer systems and providing for additional parking, sidewalks and fire protection
- (b) Evaluate the need for additional affordable housing that is built sustainably
- (c) Consider bylaws to allow/encourage “Accessory Dwelling Units” on existing lots
- (d) Review and modify commercial zoning bylaws to maintain appropriate uses in the Village Center

#### Regional Planning

- (a) Explore how Monterey fits into the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
- (b) Investigate the resources available through the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

#### Agriculture

- (a) Coordinate with the Monterey Agriculture Committee

- (b) Sponsor a Farmer's Market at the Community Center
- (c) Coordinate with the Berkshire Co-op to stimulate markets for local foods
- (d) Promote community supported agriculture

Follow-up & Outreach

- (a) Support Broadband providers (e.g., Wired West, private) in their efforts to bring high speed internet to Monterey
- (b) Advocate for additional cell phone service to cover the entire Town
- (c) Inform all Town residents about Monterey 2020 efforts by local meetings and through the Monterey 2020 website at [www.monterey2020.org](http://www.monterey2020.org)
- (d) Increase the awareness of Town residents through further civil discourse
- (e) Coordinate outreach efforts with Otis, New Marlborough, Sandisfield, and Tyringham to avoid event conflicts and to inform residents
- (f) Adopt Monterey, California as a "sister city"
- (g) Post the 2003 Monterey Development Plan on the *Monterey 2020* website
- (h) Obtain a copy of the 2011 Library Forum
- (i) Obtain a copy of the Town Budget and Post on the *Monterey 2020* website before the Annual Town Meeting in May 2014
- (j) Inform Town residents about the next Community Conversation on April 12, 2014 at 10:00 am in the Monterey Town Hall