



COMMENT BOARD: What Makes Acton Unique?

A Comment Board was placed in the lobby of the Town Hall for the months of April and May. The following is documentation of the responses to the question: “What makes Acton unique?” made by passersby:

- Non-compliance with speed limits and non-enforcement of same
- Town is a big help
- We have the highest taxes in the state
- Small town feel
- West Acton is the greatest-sidewalks; community spirit; old fashioned
- The high taxes
- The schools, the conservation areas and historic architecture. Too much development at the price of town character
- High taxes
- Great Education
- It's a great, safe place to raise a family
- People help out immensely when a neighbor needs it
- West Acton: small village feel
- EMHE sponsors
- Schools, arboretum, conservation land, NARA park, library, small businesses
- High Taxes
- Wonderful woodland trails
- The “Arbo” as we have come to call it-It's a life-enriching sanctuary-Thank you Tom Tidman for caring for it and the vision you have shared with this community
- The preserved history of the founding of the nation
- Education, ethics, environment
- The willingness to post this kind of forum to get new ideas
- Too much “allowance” or multiple housing resulting in “over traffic” will result in lower academics at school
- Bigness is a blight down fall matter of time
- Too much traffic
- Too many multiple dwellings will decline 350 units Nagog. 2 kids each “will happen” make way for new big schools now
- ABRHS
- Steve Carell



- Too large class size at high school
- Big Bird
- Fabulous friendly people
- Presently, the three distinct districts of Acton, i.e. South Acton, West Acton, and the center of Acton and hopefully East Acton and North Acton to come
- The Science Discovery Museum and the Children's Discovery Museum
- The high level of education of diversity of its residents
- High Taxes
- David ABBT Homestead
- Clean-up Kelly's Corner. Buy building
- It's bucolic beginnings which remains in evidence in various parks of town
- Acton Teen Rep. Theatre
- Live performance theater venues
- Zoning fights town character
- What a great place to grow up, learn, and become a productive citizen and well-adjusted adult
- The high degree of volunteerism in the community-for the town, the schools, and community groups
- The Rail Trail will make us stand out, once it's done...
- Bad Sprawl development-on once beautiful land. Careless use of land, wasteful poorly designed parking lots on all commercial sides
- Zoning that's very poorly crafted overall
- Very poor public transportation infrastructure, yet carry people-there may still be hope
- McCarthy-Towne great school, great teachers
- The only thing that is truly unique about Acton is its unique and venerable history, which makes preserving that history particularly important, including the physical remnants of that history
- Preserve cooker schools
- The taxes are too high
- Great wonderful conservation land, trails, ponds, woods...
- Nice unique land very satisfying, great ponds, woods and trails
- Great place to bring up your children, it is too bad a lot of the people have to leave because of HIGH taxes. Older citizens can bring a great deal to a community. I have lived here for 26 years and I truly enjoy Acton
- Povado caves
- Neighborhood pool associations that have swim teams for the children in the summer and swim lessons. Our neighborhood is Minuteman Ridge. It had been a wonderful place to raise our children. We have many close friends and continue to enjoy a close community