Appendices

APPENDIX A

Summary Results of Visual Preference Activity

Common themes among responses

RURAL CHARACTER

Participants preferred architectural styles that reflect a rural character as much as possible. "Rural feel", "rural character", "nice country look", "small town feel" and other similar phrases were used frequently to describe why participants preferred certain structures over others.

This includes using natural materials over stucco or plastic; wood or clapboard over stone or brick (although stone and brick are ok); not using "cookie cutter" designs; and using a gable roof instead of a flat one. It also includes signage that does not reflect a "commercial" or "corporate" identity, and that has nice landscaping if it is a standing sign.

SMALL BUSINESSES

Participants expressed a strong preference for small businesses located in renovated historic homes. They wrote comments such as: "I see these as the greatest opportunity to building a "vibrant" hamlet!"; and "Great- perfect for the hamlet".

Participants preferred the buildings that were more "charming" and had more detail on their façade. They also preferred some landscaping and detailed standing signage, as opposed to plainer signs on the building.

GABLE ROOFS

Participants mentioned several times during the discussion, and several times in their written comments their preference for gable roofs over flat roofs.

CHAINS AND FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS
SHOULD FIT THE CHARACTER OF THE COMMUNIITY

Many participants felt that typical fast food restaurants and strip malls are inappropriate for the hamlet and not reflective of a rural character. In particular, the design of chain restaurants, pharmacies, etc., should be carefully considered when built near the four corners.

If this type of development occurs in LaFayette, participants prefer buildings similar to those above which are not as obviously “cookie cutter” in design. They generally prefer gable roofs, and buildings that are more rural or “residential” in character. Buildings should also have landscaping, and trees in and around the buildings and parking lots instead of large open lots of asphalt.

LANDSCAPING AND STREETSCAPES

Participants overwhelmingly expressed a preference for landscaping and trees along the streets. Many wrote comments about liking the grass and trees, such as: “green on either side”, “like the grass”, “too much pavement is awful”, “grass but with trees”, and “grass with trees included”. A few people also expressed an interest in “more interesting sidewalk material”.

CROSSWALKS

Few comments were made, but all but one person preferred either brick or stamped asphalt made to look like brick for the hamlet’s crosswalks. As one person wrote, they “have the most character” and another stated “stamped asphalt probably more durable and just as nice as (brick)”.

APPENDIX B

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APPENDIX C

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