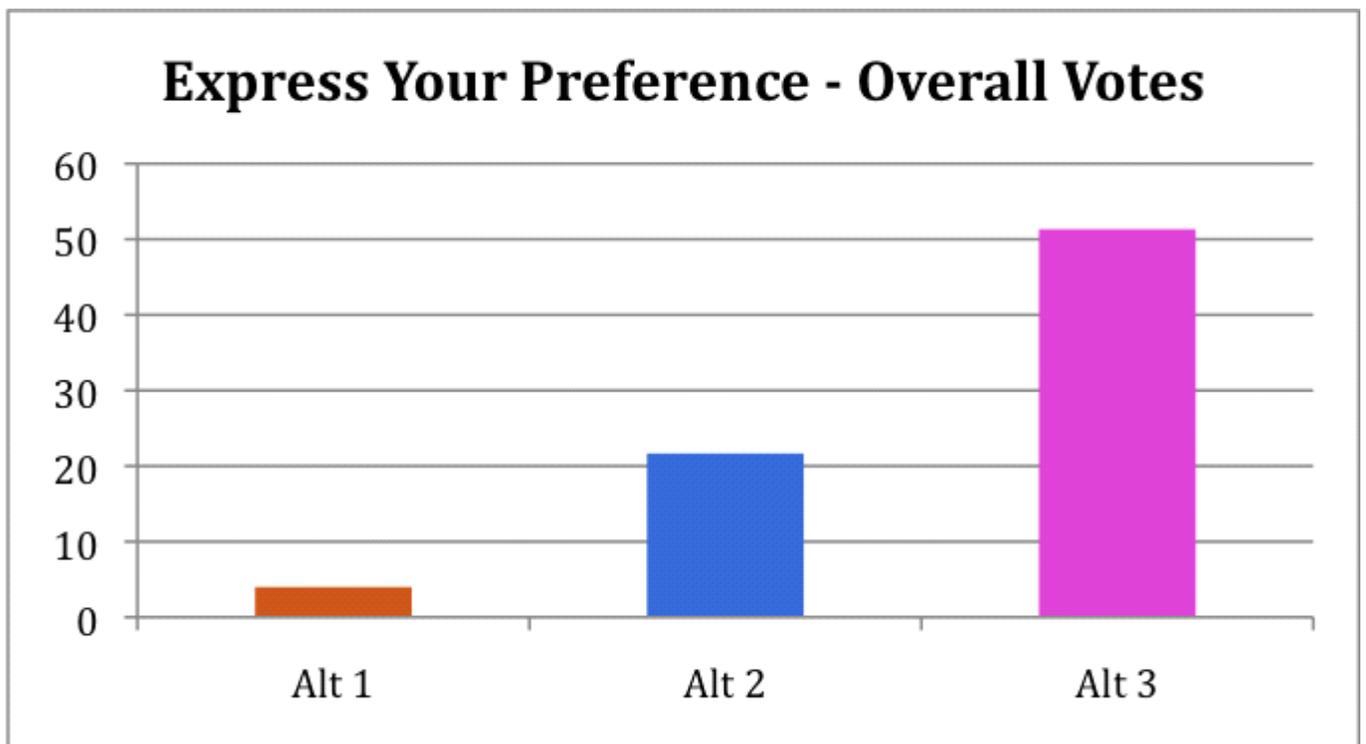


On June 23, 2011, Acton Town Hall was filled with citizens discussing the future of Acton. The Comprehensive Community Plan process was at a crossroads, needing more detailed input on how to deal with anticipated residential growth in Acton over the next 20 years. Three alternatives were presented by the Acton 2020 committee and their consultants, and then discussed in breakout groups. Also, a list of features that might be a part of the final plan were discussed as well as any "wild cards" that could challenge any plan, among other topics. Over at the town's "DocuShare" system, you can find [a formal writeup of the June 23 workshop and its findings](#).

Here's a brief summary, and a map of where we go from here.



The group reviewed Alternative 1: **Disperse Growth**, Alternative 2: **Limit Growth**, and Alternative 3: **Concentrate Growth**. The third alternative, **Concentrate Growth**, was by far the preferred alternative, but there were many features from the other options that the group thought were important to retain in any final working plan.

The main concept of the **Concentrate Growth** alternative is to guide as much as possible of any future growth to key town centers, to mixed use infill and redevelopment. This includes a focus on

- Transforming new and redeveloped commercial space to fit each village or town center's character.
- Emphasizing walking, biking, and public transportation.
- Continuing open space acquisition/protection.