

POLICY &



POP-UP SERIES

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019, 30 YOUNG PEOPLE GATHERED AT BRANCH & BLADE BREWING IN KEENE TO DISCUSS THE REASONS THAT LEAD THEM TO STAY IN, OR LEAVE, THE MONADNOCK REGION. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

“THE WAGES AROUND HERE ARE LOW, BUT THE RENT IS SO HIGH.”

TOP REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE

STAY

- GREAT DOWNTOWN
- HIGHER EDUCATION
- ARTS & CULTURE HUB

LEAVE

- HIGH COST OF LIVING
- LACK OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN POLITICS
- OVER-RELIANCE ON PROPERTY TAXES

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

UPDATE ZONING LAWS TO ALLOW MORE HOUSING DENSITY

MAKE SERVING IN ELECTED OFFICE MORE FAMILY-FRIENDLY - OFFER CHILD CARE AT MEETINGS, ALLOW MEMBERS TO SKYPE INTO MEETINGS, BETTER COMPENSATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

HAVE OUT-OF-STATE VISITORS PAY A PORTION OF TAX BURDEN - TOLLS TARGETING MA & VT RESIDENTS

“THE LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE IS DOMINATED BY AN OLDER DEMOGRAPHIC THAT IS RESISTANT TO CHANGE.”

