

9. Do you feel that there should be a cap on retail store size (Yes/No)

Responses only by residents of Village or Harrietstown (590 responses in this category)			All responses (756 responses total)		
<i>Number of responses</i>	<i>Percentage of survey respondents in this category</i>	<i>Percentage of those in this category who answered this question</i>	<i>Number of responses</i>	<i>Percentage of survey respondents in this category</i>	<i>Percentage of those in this category who answered this question</i>

Retail Cap						
Yes	347	58.8%	60.0%	450	59.5%	62.0%
No	231	39.2%	40.0%	276	36.5%	38.0%
Skipped question	12	2.0%		30	4.0%	

10. What do you think it should be?

Of those who said “Yes” to a retail cap, 78% (349) filled in an answer to this question and 22% (101) left it blank.

Of the 349 people who filled in an answer, the responses were:

Gave a number, range, or comparison that could be converted to a number ⁽¹⁾	265	76%
Made a comment that could not readily be converted to a number ⁽³⁾	61	17%
Said they didn’t know what the retail cap size should be	23	7%
In addition to giving a number or comparison for the size of the cap of a retail store, also suggested a cap for a plaza or shopping center ⁽²⁾	36	10%

⁽¹⁾ Of the 265 who provided a number or comparison, the responses were:

Smallest size suggested	5,000 sq ft.
Largest size suggested	200,000 sq ft.
Average of sizes suggested	48,203 sq ft.
Standard deviation of sizes suggested	24,316 sq ft.
Most common responses:	
40,000 sq. ft	133 responses
50,000 sq. ft	17 responses
60,000 sq. ft	16 responses
20,000 sq. ft	10 responses
All other values	Fewer than 10

Note – For the purposes of analysis, comparison to existing buildings was converted to that building’s square footage. When someone suggested a range, the average value was used.

⁽²⁾ Of the 36 who also suggested a size cap for a plaza, the numbers were:

Smallest size suggested	60,000 sq ft.
Largest size suggested	120,000 sq ft.
Average of sizes suggested	70,889 sq ft.
Standard deviation of sizes suggested	10,189 sq ft.
Most common responses: 68,000 sq. ft 75,000 sq. ft	29 responses 2 responses

(3) Among those who made a comment, they were:

Fit into footprint of existing bldgs like Aldi's into Stanley

I don't know exact square footage, but the size of Aubuchon, Ace, Kinney's, the big Grand Union is big enough. Anything larger than that would be silly for this small community. Anything larger just wouldn't fit, and it would be a waste of land and look ugly in this aesthetically pleasing, small-self-owned-business-oriented community.

I have no idea of square footage...No supercenters. I guess similar to GU store in Ames plaza.

a Wal-Mart or huge structure does not blend in with the Saranac Lake ambiance

but larger than current cap.

depends on location

depends on site location

depends on where located

I am not well informed but a walmart type store strikes me as too large.

I think no 'major chains' should be allowed to be established

I want to see us maintain who SL is - and not become one of the many with large malls, etc who close down the Moms and Pops.

It should be based on the population that would use it. I prefer specialty shop shopping.

just not a superstore

Just not the monster size Walmart had intended!

Large enough to give us some opportunities and not send a negative message

large enough to serve the community and not so large that they pull out in 5 years.

less than any walmart size

less than the Super Store size

maintain small stores

medium sized

medium-sized

mini malls would be great!!

moderate

Moderate size, compatible with existing uses

moderate sized

next to main highways only/not beyond the tree top

no "big box" stores - scale them appropriate to community size