

POLICY &



POP-UP SERIES

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023, 27 YOUNG PEOPLE GATHERED AT BIG DAY BREWING IN GORHAM TO DISCUSS THE REASONS THAT LEAD THEM TO STAY IN, OR LEAVE, THE NORTH COUNTRY. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

“IT CAN BE REALLY HARD TO MEET PEOPLE. WE JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PLACES TO GO OR EVENTS TO ATTEND.”

TOP REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE

STAY

ACTION-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

MOUNTAINS

FRIENDS

LEAVE

COST/LACK OF HOUSING

LACK OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES

POLITICAL CLIMATE

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

UPDATE ZONING REGULATIONS AND PERMITTING PROCESSES

INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE - WATER, SEWER, INTERNET

MORE YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

“THERE JUST AREN'T ENOUGH HIGH PAYING JOBS HERE.”