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Feed back to the Board of
Selectmen, Town
Administrator, Planning
Board and Economic
Development Committee
from the 20/20 Master
Planning Committee

THIRD VISIONING SESSION:
Responses from general public to visioning questions

Question 1: What do you value and love about the Town of Waterboro?

- *The rural character, historical character and farming (orchard)*
- *Lakes, small town, barrens, natural beauty and location*
- *Small town and less industrial town; central located to other city*
- *Swimming area @ Ossipee, it's rural-the small town feel, that the political side is being pro-active with the future of this town, and the Hannaford is nice for its convenience*
- *Friendliness of residents, location to Portland & Portsmouth, and the lake area*
- *The natural beauty, the "country" is within reasonable proximity to larger cities and cultural events, and close to lakes, mountains and the ocean*
- *Small town atmosphere, old home days, historical society*
- *Small town atmosphere but we still have to keep up development along water line*
- *Rural character and natural beauty, its history, proximity to mountains, ocean, lakes-Maine and N.H, stone walls & back yards, historic buildings*
- *Open space, location, lake, recreation, people, history*
- *Natural resources-lakes, mountains,etc.,people, location, rural character, historical buildings & value*
- *Natural resources, open space, lakes & mountains, friendly people, close proximity to recreation & cultural centers, conveniences(stores), historical presence*
- *Location for business & pleasure & the people*
- *The beauty of its rural areas, strong parental involvement in the schools and with athletic programs*

- *People & area*
- *People, location, lakes, Ossipee Hill, fire tower, history, rural beauty, natural character, position, stone walls & back roads, central services in town/out of town, centrally located*
- *Beautiful lakes & country views, paddling opportunities, pine barrens, its tiny library & its patrons, especially children, its proximity to Portland & Biddeford who have great libraries, goods & services nearby & between mountains & cities*
- *Ossipee Lake, nature conservancy, ATV Club, snowmobile club(land owners allowing use of land), Waterboro Land & Trust, historical society, community/people, natural resources, centrally located*
- *Rural beauty & essential services & goods close by/in town, Waterboro lies in a crossroads between small cities, ocean & the mountains....easily assessable to Portland, ski areas, excellent fishing areas, hiking & fine dining*
- *Its people, location, water, the fire tower & Ossipee Hill & its history*

Question 2: What would you like to see in the Town of Waterboro's future?

- *The development of village centers-shopping, small businesses, sidewalks & places to recreate, trails, bike paths, access to lake & trails*
- *A new library, community gardens, walking trails, a sense of belonging, event sponsored by each village*
- *Completion of the tarred breakdown lane on Rte. 5 from N. Waterboro to E. Waterboro for safety & walking & biking. A policy that encourages small to start-up(we do not restrict policies with red tape & delaying tactics), walking & hiking trail on town property, development on town property & purchase of additional property on Ossipee Hill for recreation*
- *A walking path where the abandoned railroad is from E. Waterboro post office to S. Waterboro, some type of vocational school or community*

college, waste treatment plant, overhaul of the zoning laws and building code enforcement, an industrial park & performing arts center

- *I would love for more walking/biking paths(perhaps along the old railroad beds), arts/culture events-“plays by the lake” for example, a place for kids to connect/play-maybe a gym space open to everyone(boys/girls club*
- *Strong sense of community & understanding/consensus of what “community” means, change zoning, publicity/more exposure regarding trails(walking) and dog park, bringing a wider enjoyment of natural surroundings, library/community center*
- *Friendliness to any business that has interest in starting a new business here, industrial park-cottage industries- big, medium & small businesses, I would also like to see walking/bike paths encouraged*
- *Better bike & walking areas along Rte. 5 from Hannaford thru to public beach on Ossipee Lake*
- *More land conserved or preserved(support land trust), green space, a new library & community center, more opportunity for community, more ways for people to come together in common purpose or common interest, more walking/bicycle paths, trees-bring back Elms*
- *Improve, create & maintain a solid infrastructure, business park, greater recreation, & a snow tubing area*
- *Unification- 1 post office=1 town, Community use of girl’s camp on Ossipee Lake, a solid plan for infrastructure, water, sewerage & good businesses, create a fund that can be added to each year to have monies available for an enterprise acct., plan for open spaces, define business park/village walking/business, increase medical campus & nursing/asst. living area, become a more attractive town*
- *1 post office to unify the town, create & maintain infrastructure(roads, water, sewerage, land use), plan for open spaces, create a business park,*

create an enterprise acct., establish a town center, increase medical presence

- *Savings, save the money for projects, business tax incentives, free market solutions*
- *A community that values the health & well-being of all of its residents. Supporting a walk -able/bicyclable community that promotes physical activity opportunities both in environmental design & policy development. I would like to see the farmlands supported & a vibrant farmer's market-inclusive to youth-bringing freshly, locally grown produce into your schools. In respect to public health assessments, I hope Waterboro is aggressive in tobacco policies & helps keep the air clean for the citizens.*
- *Less school busses & a snow park*
- *Train, busses, public transportation(to get out of town), walking trails to fire tower, hiking path, preservation of land, trees(Elm), community center for kids, public swimming pool, main route bike lanes, community gathering areas outside/inside/exercise, land trust support*
- *A new more-than-adequate library/comm. center, accessible green space, more community events, better sidewalks*
- *A nursing home, inside public rec center, pool & gymnasium, public transportation, public DOT Dept. locally-public works, hotel/motel(4 season), bed & breakfasts, wider main roads with breakdown/bicycle/walking lane, assisted living facility, plan for public water expansion, library/conference/community center, septic treatment plant, more hiking trails/bike paths, school academy plus public school*
- *Develop village areas & protect open spaces, fields, woods, industrial park & increased recreation facilities, library/community center with programs for all citizens*
- *Hotel with conference room, dining room, community center for families, especially teens, 2 fire dept. sub stations, improvement to Ossipee fire*

tower-walking trails, sidewalk from 202 to Rte. 5, following the Charter or do away with it.

Question 3: What types of industry, business or economic development would you like to see in the Town of Waterboro?

- *Small cottage industries, shops, places to shop, a business park to attract clean businesses done tastefully so as not to disturb the rural character of the community*
- *Many small businesses, each village identified, snow park, RR bed as walk/bike path*
- *Does it really matter, as long as it is not a polluting industry, we should be welcoming. A restrictive policy, I would like, neatness of the outside or what can be seen by public.*
- *Amphitheater at the lake, A dept. store of some type, a decent gas station, a sports bar, movie theater*
- *Small businesses-no big box industry. I don't mind large industry if kept within an industrial park. I feel that a shingle can be hung on a starter business at their home as long as that doesn't impact one's neighbors. A place for shops for artisans, small coffee shops, and retail shops.*
- *Arts center(Grange Hall), industrial park, 1-2 anchor businesses combined with small businesses, cottage industry-startup businesses out of the home, for ex., rebuild intersection Townhouse/Rte. 5 Waterboro Ctr.*
- *Arts*
- *Encourage small businesses, clean industry or business*
- *Clean, small manufacturing tech. companies, retail stores, rec. activities, distribution center*

- *Retail stores, jobs-clean manufacturing/call centers/distribution center, service shops, recreational-snow tubing park on Ossipee Mtn., indoor park, movie theatre, lodging*
- *Clean, environmentally safe manufacturing, technology, nursing home, retail stores, call center, recreational facilities*
- *Manufacture, production type business*
- *Any business needs to respect the natural resources in the community & should have an ethic that will promote healthy lifestyles for employees and air quality, policies and design that promote healthy lifestyles for community.*
- *New camping area, Dr.'s office*
- *Small hotel-dining room-conference room, industrial park-business park, public or private, 4-wheeler park, small golf course, new camping area, snow park, senior facilities, condos, nursing homes, assisted living(dependent & independent)*
- *Not qualified or educated along these lines enough to comment*
- *Public access to water, septic treatment plant, apartments/seasonal rentals, subsidized elderly housing, hotel/motel, bed & breakfast, funeral home, emergency crisis plan-major catastrophic, energy plan for community, alternative energy, recycling & reuse in community, 1 post office, a golf course*
- *Small hotel, high-tech(clean) manufacturing, recreation(golf course, campground)-high end food processing-senior citizens comprehensive care*
- *Clean industry, family owned, 4-wheeler park, open air movie theater, golf course, Poland spring plant*

