

Town of Waterboro

20/20 Master Planning Committee News Release

Waterboro's 20/20 Master Planning Committee has designed a series of Visioning Sessions through which it hopes to gain in-put from Waterboro citizens. The Visioning Sessions utilize a series of questions like 1) What do you value about the Town of Waterboro? 2) What would you like to see in the Town of Waterboro in the future? 3) What types of industry, business, or economic development would you like to see in the Town of Waterboro?

The 20/20 Master Planning Committee's first Visioning Session was held September 23rd and attracted about 45 senior citizens. High School students will complete a questionnaire in December and a Visioning Session for the general public will be held from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Massabesic Middle School on Friday, January 7 (if a storm cancels the Session on the 7th, it will be rescheduled for 9:00am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 8). Additional Visioning Sessions may also be scheduled early in 2011.

The 20/20 Master Planning Committee has already met in a joint session with the Waterboro Board of Selectmen, the Waterboro Planning Board, and Waterboro's Economic Development Committee. Everyone agrees that it is imperative that these and all other Town committees actively work together to create the Town's vision. A cooperative process is essential to ensure that the resulting end product will be implemented.

The 20/20 Master Planning Committee started work in July and developed the following vision statement which guides its actions:

"To provide a series of action plans to achieve and shape the future growth of Waterboro through a productive, inclusive community effort that continuously improves and protects our quality of life by reaching a balance between economic development, environmental sustainability and community livability, in order to provide a legacy for our future generations."

Waterboro's 20/20 Master Planning Committee is attempting to provide the Town with a roadmap of the path that the Town should take for the next 10 years. The Committee, working under the tutelage of Town Planner Thomas Ursia, is developing a Master Plan which will include action plans on how to implement the resulting roadmap.

The 20/20 Master Planning Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 5:00pm at Waterboro's Central Fire Station on John Smith Road in Waterboro Center. The public is invited to attend and participate in all Committee Meetings. Citizens are also invited to visit the Committee's web site at www.waterboro-me.gov/20/20 or www.waterboro-me.net. Citizens may communicate with the Committee via e-mail at masterplanners@waterboro-me.net.