

Community Survey for 2020 Sutton Master Plan Update

The Sutton Planning Board is updating the Town’s 2005 Master Plan. This document is used to guide the future character, physical form, and development of a community. It helps local decision-making concerning budgets, ordinances, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision regulations, and other related issues.

The Planning Board has been meeting with local groups to discuss the future of Sutton. Important themes have included Sutton’s RURAL ATMOSPHERE, SENSE OF COMMUNITY, and HISTORIC VILLAGES.

As part of the Master Planning process, we are asking residents to provide input on the following survey. This is a follow up to the group meetings completed to date. Your responses are completely anonymous and are vital in understanding the Town’s current needs and priorities for the next 5 to 10 years.

Please direct questions to: Peter Stanley, Land Use Coordinator 603 927-2402

And return survey to: Peter Stanley Town Hall, 93 Main Street, Sutton Mills NH 03221

1. WHAT IS MOST PRECIOUS TO YOU?

(Please rank in order of importance, 0 being “of no concern”, 1 low, 2 medium, 3 high, and 4 “the most important”)

0 1 2 3 4

Rural Atmosphere

- Open spaces and the Environment
- Scenic areas, roads and views
- Recreational opportunities (i.e. hiking, hunting, lakes, snowmobiling, etc.)

Sense of Community

- Community and Recreational Facilities
- Continued Community Friendliness
- Quality of our Educational System

Existing Villages

- Maintaining our small Town Atmosphere
- Recognizing Historic Character
- Saving Important Community Buildings

2. WHAT IS OF THE MOST CONCERN TO YOU?

(Please rank in order of importance, 0 being “of no concern”, 1 low, 2 medium, 3 high, and 4 “the most important”)

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Rural Atmosphere

- Loss of open spaces and the quality of our environment
- Loss of scenic areas, roads and views
- Improved recreational opportunities (i.e. hiking, hunting, lakes, snowmobiling, etc.)

Sense of Community

- Increasing Taxes
- Longtime residents needing to leave
- Future support for volunteer services

Existing Villages

- Cost needed maintain and improve town facilities
- Loss of Historic character
- Lack of use of community buildings

Other significant CONCERNS you have (i.e. Level 3 or 4):

3. WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?

(Please rank in order of importance, 0 being "of no concern", 1 low, 2 medium, 3 high, and 4 "the most important")

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Rural Atmosphere

- Protect important open areas from future development
- Increase support for outdoor recreation
- Establish additional environmental protection standards

Sense of Community

- Encourage land uses that improve our tax base
- Encourage town-wide employment opportunities
- Support housing for seniors (55 and older)

Existing Villages

- Encourage mixed uses (residential and non-residential) in the villages
- Encourage small, compatible businesses in the villages
- Increase support for indoor recreation (in community buildings)

Other specific PRIORITIES of significant concern to you (i.e. Level 3 or 4):

4. WHAT TYPES OF HOUSING & BUSINESSES

DO YOU SUPPORT? *(check most appropriate)*

In or near villages Along Rt.114 At or near Exit 10 In rural areas Opposed anywhere

- Restaurants and Inns
- Small Professional Offices
- Recreational Businesses
- Light Industrial (i.e. Research and Development)
- Small Retail Uses
- Mixed Uses (office/retail and housing)
- Senior Housing (55+)
- Cluster 1 & 2 family housing with extra open space
- Multi-unit housing (no more than 6 per building)

Other specific LAND USES you would like to see in town:

5. ARE THERE SPECIFIC AREAS THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT?

6. ARE THERE SPECIFIC ROADS THAT YOU THINK REQUIRE PARTICULAR ATTENTION?

7. ARE THERE THINGS WE, AS A TOWN, SHOULD BE DOING THAT WE AREN'T?

8. ARE THERE OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT WE HAVE NOT ADDRESSED?

Pleased return survey and any additional written comments to:

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Thank You!