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TAMWORTH COMMUNITY SURVEY 2007

March 2007

Tamworth Needs Your Opinion!

Under New Hampshire law, the Tamworth Planning Board must prepare a Master Plan to guide the development of the town. The Tamworth Master Plan was last updated in 1995. At Town Meeting in March 2006, funds were appropriated to update this plan. The Master Plan Committee was formed by the Planning Board for this purpose. As an essential first step in the update of the Tamworth Master Plan, the Committee asks all Tamworth residents and property owners to complete this survey. The time you spend to answer these questions is critical toward helping shape the new Tamworth Master Plan.

Responses to the survey are anonymous.

There are no "right" or "wrong" answers to the survey. If you do not have enough information to answer a question, skip it or check the "no opinion" box.

To return completed surveys:

drop off at collection boxes at the following locations:

- Tamworth Town Office
- Chocorua Library
- Cook Memorial Library
- the polls on town election day, Tuesday, March 13, 2007
- Town Meeting, March 17, 2007

...or fold with business reply address panel showing, tape together and **drop in the mail (no postage necessary)**. Additional copies of the survey may be picked up at the above locations, or they may be downloaded from the Town of Tamworth website at www.tamworthnh.org and printed on your own printer.

Please return your completed survey by April 1, 2007.

The Master Plan should reflect the opinions of everyone associated with Tamworth. Please take a few minutes now to help shape the future of your town.

Thank you!

The Master Plan Committee

1 – COMMUNITY FACILITIES, RESOURCES AND SERVICES

	Please rate these services						Town spending for this service should be			
	Excellent ¹	Very Good ²	Good ³	Fair ⁴	Poor ⁵	No Opinion ⁶	More ⁷	Same ⁸	Less ⁹	No Opinion ¹⁰
A. Town administration										
B. Law enforcement & police protection										
C. Fire protection										
D. Rescue/ambulance										
E. Solid waste disposal										
F. Recycling										
G. Day care										
H. K.A. Brett School (K-8)										
I. High school (Kennett)										
J. Animal control										
K. Community nurse										
L. Welfare administration										
M. Elderly services										
N. Libraries										
O. Public meeting rooms										
P. Cemetery care										
Q. Recreation facilities and programs										
R. High-speed Internet service										
S. Handicapped accessibility of community buildings and services										
T. WHAT SERVICE IS NOT BEING PROVIDED THAT SHOULD BE?										

2 – LAND USE & GROWTH

The state estimates that Tamworth's population will grow by approximately 40% by 2020. The following questions ask whether, and how, future development should be encouraged or restricted.

A. What method(s) should Tamworth use to manage development?

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> None | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> User impact fees for developers |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Rely on private enterprise | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Protect more land from development |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Sub division regulations | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning regulations | |

B. Where should future development occur? Please check as many as you wish.

	Residential ¹	Commercial ²	Industrial ³	No Opinion ⁴
1. In mixed-use neighborhoods				
2. On present farmlands				
3. In presently forested areas				
4. Along rivers or ponds				
5. Along town roads				
6. Along state roads				
7. In new subdivisions				

3 – HOUSING & BUILDINGS

A. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree ¹	Agree ²	Disagree ³	Strongly Disagree ⁴	No Opinion ⁵
1. The town is managing housing development well.					
2. Some land should be protected from housing development.					
3. It is important to provide affordable housing.					
4. Encouraging housing growth will stimulate the economy.					
5. There is excessive housing development.					
6. There are not enough apartments in town.					
7. There is not enough affordable housing for the elderly in town.					

B. Would you like to see more or less the following types of housing in town?

	More ¹	Same ²	Less ³	No Opinion ⁴
1. Single family				
2. Two-family/duplex				
3. Multi-unit (3-4 units)				
4. Condominiums/town houses				
5. Apartment buildings				
6. Elderly housing				
7. Affordable housing				
8. Conversion of large homes into apartments				
9. Mobile homes				
10. Cluster developments (single family units on smaller lots with open space retained)				

C. Do you support the following methods for guiding growth and development in Tamworth?

	Yes ¹	No ²	No Opinion ³
1. Encourage new residential subdivisions to be clustered			
2. Cap the number of residential building permits allowed each year			
3. Permit higher density in existing developed areas to preserve rural character elsewhere			
4. Permit higher residential density as an incentive for creating affordable housing			
5. Establish minimum or maximum lot sizes in specific residential areas			

4 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree ¹	Agree ²	Disagree ³	Strongly Disagree ⁴	No Opinion ⁵
1. It is important for Tamworth to encourage environmentally sensitive, low-impact business and industry development.					
2. It is important to identify areas in which to locate business and industrial development.					
3. Tamworth should create an economic development committee.					

B. What percent of your monthly spending for shopping, dining and services for yourself and members of your household is with Tamworth businesses?

1. Less than 25%
2. 26-49%
3. 50% or more

C. What businesses or services would you like to see, or see more of, in Tamworth?

1. Arts and crafts
2. Automotive service
3. Major clothing chain (basics and specialties)
4. Eating establishments
5. Major grocery chain
6. Health practices (doctors, dentists, specialists, alternative practitioners)
7. Lodging (B&Bs, motels, hotels)
8. Tourism-based businesses (guided hikes, amusements)
9. Personal services (barbers, hairdressers, laundry/dry cleaning, massage therapy etc.)
10. Other: _____

D. Should Tamworth encourage

1. Agri-business (farming)
2. Forestry and timber
3. Manufacturing
4. Light industry
5. Construction businesses
6. Professional service firms (examples: software development, architecture, consulting)
7. Home-based businesses ("cottage industries")
8. Retail

E. What kind of "commercial development districts" would best support the retention, growth or attraction of businesses in Tamworth?

1. Professional office park
2. Retail cluster/shopping outlets
3. Light industrial park
4. Professional conference center with tourism/recreation features
5. Big box stores
6. Other: _____

F. Should the town support high-speed Internet access throughout Tamworth? Yes¹ No²

G. What is the one action you would recommend the Master Plan include to insure Tamworth's future economic development (businesses and jobs)? *(Use an additional sheet if needed)*

5 – NATURAL RESOURCES

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

A. More land should be protected for:

	Agree ¹	Disagree ²	No Opinion ³
1. Forestry			
2. Recreation (including hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling etc)			
3. Aesthetics, including "view sheds"			
4. Open space for wilderness and wildlife habitat			
5. Agriculture			

B. The town should continue to acquire:

	Agree ¹	Disagree ²	No Opinion ³
1. Donated conservation easements			
2. Full ownership of land by donation to the town			
3. Full ownership of land by purchase, using town funds.			

C. Land protection efforts should:

	Agree ¹	Disagree ²	No Opinion ³
1. Protect wetlands, surface waters and their buffers			
2. Protect scenic views and view points			
3. Protect steep slopes			
4. Protect hill tops			
5. Be left to private trusts			

D. The town should promote:

	Agree ¹	Disagree ²	No Opinion ³
1. Additional recycling (organic waste, asphalt, electronics, etc.)			
2. Energy conservation			
3. Alternative energy production			
4. Local safe disposal of hazardous waste			
5. Public access to lakes, rivers and ponds			
6. Public access to trails			

6 – TRANSPORTATION

A. Road conditions

1. What is the general condition of local roads in Tamworth?

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|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> | Excellent | d. <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> | Very good | e. <input type="checkbox"/> | Poor |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | f. <input type="checkbox"/> | No Opinion |

2. Are there roads in Tamworth that should have any of the following improvements?

Please specify which roads:

- a. Better roadway shoulders _____
- b. Intersection improvements _____
- c. Reconstruction to straighten curves _____
- d. Widening _____
- e. Addition of turning lanes _____
- f. Addition of guard rails _____
- g. Better signage _____
- h. Resurfacing _____
- i. Reconstruction _____
- j. Unpaved to Paved _____
- k. Paved to Unpaved _____
- l. Other (please specify) _____

B. Traffic & parking

1. Are any of the following traffic conditions a problem on roads in Tamworth?

Please specify which roads:

- a. Truck traffic _____
- b. Traffic speed _____
- c. Pedestrian safety _____
- d. Traffic noise _____
- e. Traffic turning and entering _____
- f. Inadequate street lighting _____

2. Do you support the use of any of the following traffic control devices in Tamworth?

Please specify on which roads:

- a. Speed bumps _____
- b. Center islands _____
- c. Signage _____
- d. Curbed sidewalks _____
- e. Rumble strips _____
- f. Center Line Striping _____
- g. Stop Lines _____
- h. Traffic Control Lights _____
- i. Other (please specify) _____

3. Are there areas of Tamworth where parking is inadequate? Please list.

4. Are there areas of Tamworth where handicapped parking is inadequate? Please list.

6 – TRANSPORTATION (continued)

C. Your use of transportation

	Yes ¹	No ²	No Opinion ³
1. Should there be more bicycle paths/lanes throughout town?			
2. Should there be more sidewalks and/or linked trails throughout town?			
3. Does Tamworth need public transportation?			

D. Future transportation decisions

	Yes ¹	No ²	No Opinion ³
1. Should the town have a highway garage?			
2. Should the town own its own highway equipment?			
3. Would you agree to a fee of up to \$5 assessed on your motor vehicle registration that would go directly into a Town of Tamworth transportation capital improvement fund (roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and public transportation), as permitted under New Hampshire law?			

7 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION

NOTE: "Historical" structures and sites must be at least 50 years old AND meet at least one of these criteria:

- Architecturally or artistically significant
- Associated with historically important people
- Associated with historically important events or trends

	Yes ¹	No ²	No Opinion ³
A. Should the town encourage historic preservation?			
B. Should there be restrictions on renovating or removing historic houses, structures or sites?			
C. Should Tamworth Village apply for historic district status?			
D. Are there historic sites in Tamworth that should be protected? If Yes, please list below. (Use additional sheets if you need more space)			

8 – DEMOGRAPHICS (Optional)

A. Association with Tamworth: are you a (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round resident | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Property owner in Tamworth |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend/summer resident | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Employed in Tamworth |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Voter in Tamworth | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

Yes¹ No²

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| 7. Do you work (for pay) in your home? | | |
| 8. Do you own a business in Tamworth? | | |

B. Age

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 51-70 |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 18-30 | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Over 70 |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 31-50 | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to answer |

9 – YOUR VISION OF TAMWORTH

(Use the space below or attach additional sheets if needed)

- A. **What do you consider the ONE best thing about living/owning property in Tamworth?**

- B. **What ONE change do you think would improve Tamworth the most?**

- C. **Please describe YOUR vision of what Tamworth should be like twenty years from now.**

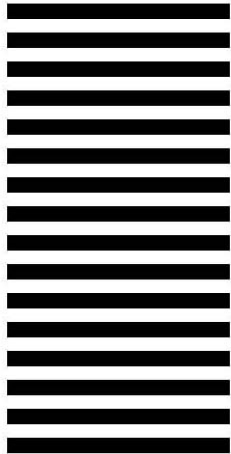
- D. **Do you have any additional comments?**

Thank you! Your input is essential, and much appreciated.

*Please attach additional sheets if needed for answers.
Be sure to indicate the complete question number on each answer.*



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