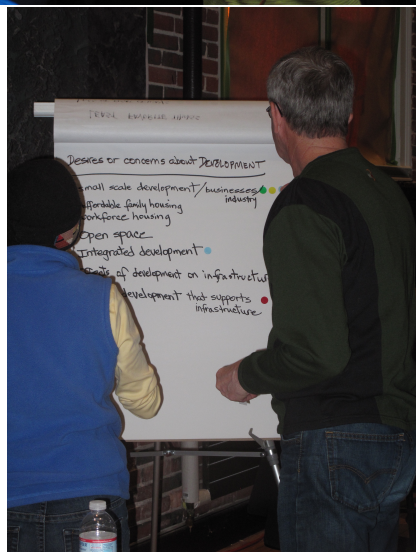


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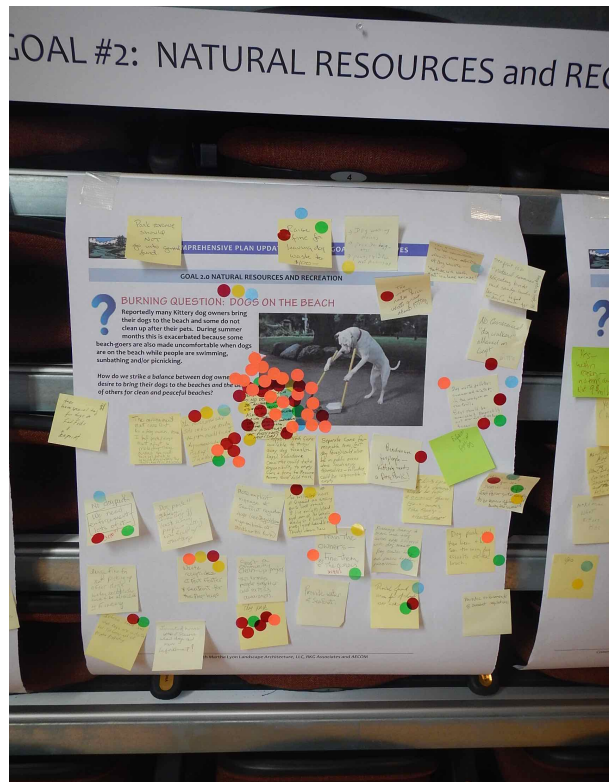
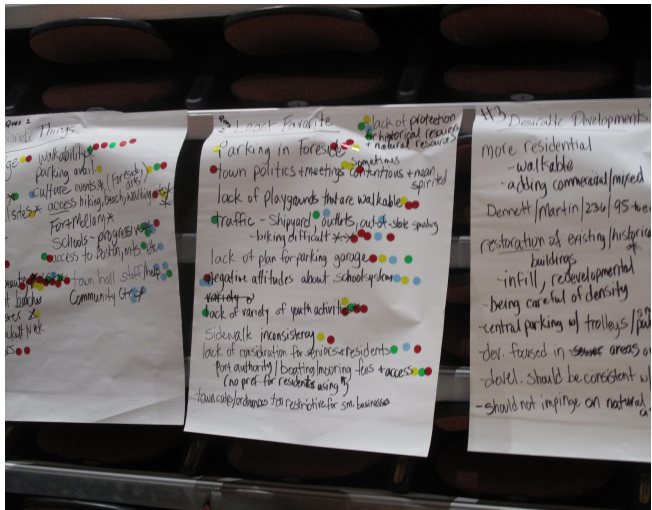
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A Comprehensive Plan is a roadmap to help guide decision-making about the future of a municipality. It is:

- A basis for decision-making for future development
- A process leading to a plan of action based on a town's shared values and goals
- A set of priorities for addressing the full range of issues facing a town

A Comprehensive Plan is an important opportunity to think about:

How can we make Kittery an even better place to live, work and play?

What does a Comprehensive Plan look at?

- Identifies features to preserve?
- Identifies what needs to change?
- Identifies resident concerns?
- Identifies needed



Logo developed for Comprehensive Plan, developed by local Kittery artist, Holly Elkins

WHY PLAN?

Updating a municipality's Comprehensive Plan in addition to making the Town eligible for State and other grants and sending a message to prospective investors regarding what the Town would like to see in terms of development, it is an opportunity to:

- Take stock, review objectives, direction and priorities
- Examine resource allocation: existing and optimal
- Update the outdated Comprehensive Plan (last updated in 1999)
- Be proactive and affect future decision making
- Support eligibility for grant programs and public funds

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PROCESS

The process is comprised of a number of steps and includes the following:

- What do we have?
- What do we want?
- What is most important?
- How do we get there?

1. A **Public Process** that solicits public input in articulating a vision and set of goals to form the foundation of the Plan as well as feedback on the strategies with which to achieve and implement these.

2. **Inventory and Assessment of Existing Conditions** to understand key issues, opportunities and challenges and how they potentially impact the future

3. **Implementation Plan of Policy Directives and Action Steps** that identifies lead responsible parties and potential partners for implementation as well as existing resources and priority items.

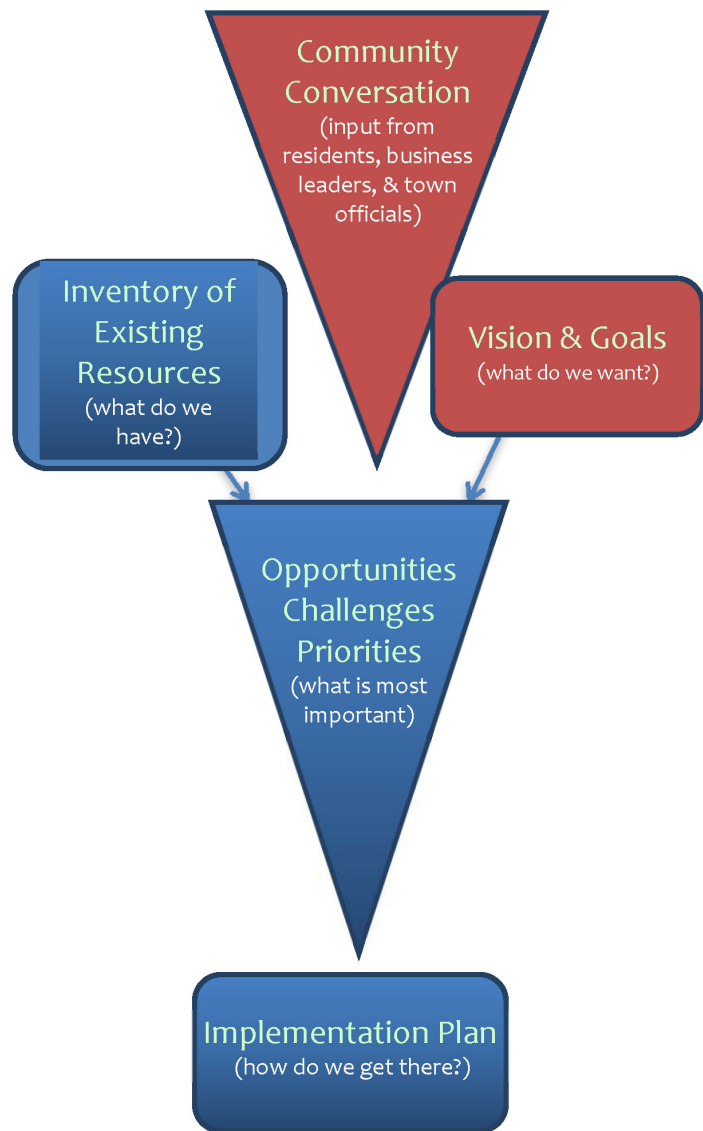
The Comprehensive Plan is organized in three volumes:

Volume 1: The Comprehensive Plan

Volume II: Inventory and Assessment of Existing Conditions

Volume III: Documentation of Public Input

This Volume is a compilation of the public process, the conversation with the community about what they would like to see in the future, what they are concerned about, what improvements they would like the Town to make. It represents the **red** shapes in the process diagram on the right.



KITTERY VOICES: PUBLIC PROCESS

Kittery's residents, business owners and town officials were invited to participate in a variety of forums including town-wide public workshops and on-line forum, a survey, and interviews with a range of individuals. Their input was used to develop the vision and goals. This then formed the basis for the Comprehensive Plan.

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Public Forums

Town-wide Public Forum:
Visioning (March 12, 2016)

Town –wide Public Forum:
Review of Goals &
Objectives (June 11, 2016)

Youth Voice (Visioning at
Traip Academy, May 20,
2016)

Leadership Interviews (Town
staff, Committees, Boards,
and other relevant, Shipyard,
etc.)

Comment Boards (Town Hall
& KCC)

Farmer's Market (June 5, 2016)

Block Party (June 18, 2016)

Town-wide Public Forum (Implementation
Plan): Nov. 3, 2016

Poll regarding Top 25 Key
Recommendation (Nov. 8, 2016)

Opportunities to participate on-line

- On-line conversation and mapping exercise
- On-line survey

THREE UNDERLYING THEMES

The following three themes were
identified as underlying much of the
community conversation:

- Preserve the town's character
- Increase and improve connections
- Promote a multi-generational Kittery



Town-wide public forum (March 12,
2016) at STAR Theatre (KCC)

Preserve the town's character

One of the main underlying themes of the
community conversation was that of a
desire to “protect and maintain what we
have rather than spend resources on
acquiring more.”

- Preserve open space and other natural features, working waterfront, and historic buildings -- while guiding additional development to desirable locations.
- Ensure that the diversity of people in terms of socio-economics can continue to do live in Kittery (affordable housing and jobs)
- Support the diversity of land uses that make up the Town (“wild” landscapes, Foreside, outlets, working waterfront, quiet residential neighborhoods, etc.)

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Increase and improve connections

- Safer and more pleasant walking and biking physical connections
- Communication and access to information
- Provide more opportunities for social connections by providing opportunities for community gathering (through an enhanced Foreside, a 21st century library, expanded programming at the KCC, increased public space on the water, and improved walking and biking infrastructure)

Promote a multi-generational Kittery

- Wholesome activities for youth (including improved and increased recreational opportunities, safe ways of getting around town)
- More youth involvement in planning for the future)
- Support healthy aging in place (with affordable housing appropriately sized and located for seniors, as well as activities and transportation geared to this population)
- Provide opportunities for multi-generational activities

“Kittery is uniquely charming.”
Comment from forum participant

PUBLIC FORUMS

- 3 town-wide public forums
- 1 on-line survey
- continuous on-line conversation
- website
- teen visioning session
- 10 Steering Committee meetings
- 4 Joint Workshops: Planning Board/Steering Committee
- Meetings with Town Department Heads
- 32 leadership interviews

VISION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A Comprehensive Plan must identify those features that contribute to the uniqueness of a community and make recommendations to preserve and enhance these.

WHAT MAKES KITTERY UNIQUE?

Kittery residents were asked what makes Kittery unique. These are a few of their responses.

“Kittery is a community of contrasts...”
“working waterfront”
“We aren’t Portsmouth and we don’t want to be!”
“gorgeous shoreline”
“Gourmet Alley restaurants”
“our history”
“Portsmouth Naval Shipyard”
“Fort Foster and Fort McClary”
“natural lands”

A vision and set of goals (what Kittery **“WANTS”**) were developed with significant public input to form the foundation of the Comprehensive Plan. They are articulated below.

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The **viability** of the Comprehensive Plan is contingent upon the community coming to a **consensus** about a desired future and then being **proactive** about setting **priorities** and assembling

A VISION FOR KITTERY'S FUTURE

IMAGINE... a Kittery whose character is protected by the preservation and adaptive reuse of its **historic buildings**, the control of the scale of redevelopment so that it is in keeping with the historic charm of the Town and a promotion of the Town's history.

IMAGINE... a **Foreside district** that is a thriving, historic neighborhood that includes one of Maine's earliest working waterfront. A Foreside that maintains the historic, working-class character and scale and preserves its building stock by adopting a preference for creative or **adaptive reuse** of existing buildings. **Workforce housing** is integrated in the district. Walking and biking is safe and pleasant and there are more green spaces to enjoy as well as the **working waterfront**.

IMAGINE ... a Kittery where its beautiful and treasured **natural features** are preserved and protected and where enjoyment is enhanced through increased access to these for both passive and active **recreation**. Recreational activities are managed so as to prevent negative impacts on the environment, the season at Fort Foster is extended and programming at the Kittery Community Center is even more developed. Enjoyment of the water is enhanced by increasing **public access to the water**, cleaning up Spruce Creek, and providing

shuttle service to Portsmouth from the Town Pier at Foreside.

IMAGINE... a Kittery that plans for the future of its **environment** by implementing measures that help it be more **resilient** and leading by example so that all town-owned buildings use renewable sources of energy, and the Town provides incentives for the use of renewable energy sources. A Kittery that **prepares for the potential impacts of the expected rise in sea level** due to climate change.

IMAGINE... a Kittery that preserves its **sense of community**, the sense of peace and quiet, but also the **diversity of places** that make up the Town. It feels more unified and less separated as multiple **ways of getting around Town** are more available. **Traffic** congestion is lessened and **walking** and **biking** is made safe and pleasant. A **town shuttle** helps to better connect people as do the additional places to gather and run into one another.

IMAGINE ... a Kittery that while improving and growing is able to retain a **diverse socio-economic** mix of residents by providing **affordable, workforce housing** and by creating **jobs** with adequate wages and salaries, resulting in a **sustainable** community.

IMAGINE... the **economy** of Kittery more diversified as it retains existing and supports additional local businesses, where the existing businesses are redeveloped into more pedestrian-oriented mixed-use developments that incorporate more natural features and that are able to be more economically viable, **sustainable**, and in keeping with evolving expectations of shoppers.

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IMAGINE... a Kittery that has a continuing **relationship with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard**, and traffic, noise and light impacts created by activity in the shipyard are reduced as a result of working together to mitigate these.

IMAGINE... a re-imagined, twenty-first century **library** and a **school system** where students are consistently recognized for their success in the community and nationwide because these institutions provide top quality education, opportunities for life long learning, and enrichment programs.

IMAGINE... that all these improvements are made in a systematic way with significant **community engagement** in the decision-making process led by a **town government** that is respectful, transparent and civil in its discourse. A **shared vision** and **ordinances** that support the goals embodied in the vision are clear and easy to enforce.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. HISTORIC, CULTURAL, AND ARCHAEOLOGY RESOURCES GOAL

TO PROTECT THE TOWN'S CHARACTER BY PRESERVING AND PROTECTING HISTORIC FEATURES AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AND PROMOTING AN AWARENESS OF THE TOWN'S UNIQUE HISTORY AND CULTURE

2. NATURAL RESOURCES, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION GOAL

TO PROTECT KITTERY'S NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING WATERSHED, FRESH WATER, WETLANDS AND VERNAL POOLS, AGRICULTURAL LANDS, FOREST

RESOURCES, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL:

TO SUPPORT DESIRABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BALANCE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PORTSMOUTH NAVY SHIPYARD, AND INCREASE THE TOWN'S TAX BASE WHILE ALSO PROVIDING LOCAL JOBS.

4. HOUSING GOAL:

TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF HOUSING TYPES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFECYCLE AND TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS WITH A RANGE OF INCOMES

5. TRANSPORTATION GOAL:

TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND EASE OF GETTING AROUND TOWN AND BETTER CONNECT THE "PIECES" OF KITTERY. PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL WITH SAFE AND PLEASANT BIKE ACCOMMODATIONS AND WALKING PATHS.

6. MARINE RESOURCES GOAL:

TO PROTECT THE TOWN'S COASTLINE, THE WORKING WATERFRONT, AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO AND ENJOYMENT OF THE WATER WHILE PROTECTING IT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

7. TOWN GOVERNANCE, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES GOAL:

TO IMPROVE TOWN GOVERNANCE AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES; INCREASE FISCAL CAPACITY RESPONSIBLY

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8. LAND USE GOAL:

ENSURE THAT THE TOWN'S REGULATIONS SUPPORT DESIRED LAND USES.

- Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge
- Spruce Creek (clean)
- Pepperrell Cove

9. COASTAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GOAL:

ESTABLISH SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG TERM PLANS TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING INCREASED STORM FREQUENCY AND STRENGTH, COASTAL EROSION AND RISING OCEAN LEVELS, AND TRANSITION OF BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENERGY CONSUMPTION TO LOW AND ZERO IMPACT METHODS

Kittery's residents expressed a strong affection for their Town and in general had a lot to say about preserving those features, mainly historic and natural, that they felt contributed to the experience of living here. There was also considerable consensus regarding concerns about some current conditions and a strong desire to be proactive about planning for the future.

KEY THEMES AND ELEMENTS FOR A VISION AND GOALS FOR KITTERY'S FUTURE

- Participants expressed a strong appreciation for the **natural** setting of the Town and a desire that efforts to preserve these features be made, including:
 - Open space and rural character
 - Working waterfront and waterfront views
 - Sea Point Beach
 - Brave Boat Harbor

- Related to the desire to protect the natural features was an appreciation of active and passive **recreational** opportunities and a desire for more:

- Fort Foster/Fort McClary
- Rogers Park
- More public access to the water
- Kittery Community Center

- There was a strong desire to plan for climate change and become more **sustainable** as a Town including:

- Becoming an example of carbon neutrality
- having all town owned buildings use renewable energy sources (e.g. solar)
- provide local tax credits for use of solar energy

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- Enthusiasm was expressed for the recently revitalized **Foreside** district with an expressed desire to enhance the district’s character by:
 - Improving parking
 - Encouraging more small, local business and artists
 - Ensuring that any new development/redevelopment be contextual
- The **working waterfront** was felt to be a significant unique feature of the Town and a strong desire was expressed to preserve this. The fishing industry was mentioned as important to consider in future planning.
- The number one most frequent response to the question, “if you could do one thing to improve Kittery, what would it be?” was improve **pedestrian** and **bicycle** infrastructure to support walking and biking. Additionally, automobile **traffic** was a concern (especially as it related to the shipyard) and a desire for a **town-**

Responses from March 12, 2016 Visioning Forum

Favorite Things

- Cultural and historical assets
- Foreside
- Recreational access to natural assets
- Coastline

Also:

- *Public parks*
- *Rural character*
- *Demographic diversity*
- *Sense of community*

Least Favorite Things

- Dysfunctional town government
- Not pedestrian-friendly
- Traffic

Also:

- *Biking is difficult*
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- *Town codes*
- *School system*
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Also:

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- *Increase recreational opportunities*

"There is still plenty of room to grow while maintaining Kittery's character" – comment from Comment Board in Town Hall.

"I like that there are both wild areas and refined cultural spaces."
Comment from forum participant

The following pages are a documentation of the public process, participants' comments and priorities whose input was the basis upon which the vision and goals were developed.

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Summary of Public Input Town-wide PUBLIC FORUM

Meeting Purpose and Process

Purpose

A town-wide public forum was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the STAR Theatre at the Kittery Community Center. The purpose of the meeting was to invite Kittery residents to come together to identify shared values regarding the future of Kittery; these will be used to develop a vision and set of goals. The Comprehensive Plan that will guide future decision-making will be based on these.

Process

Approximately 140 residents, including Steering Committee members attended the public forum. The Consultant Team presented a summary of the planning process and provided a brief overview of the visioning process.

Participants were divided into twelve (12) smaller discussion groups that were facilitated by Steering Committee members. Conversation was focused and participants were very engaged in the process. Afterwards, each group presented a brief summary of their group's discussion; there was a significant degree of consensus regarding residents' desires as well as their concerns.

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During the small group discussions, participants were asked the following questions:

1. *What are your FAVORITE things about Kittery (that you would want to ensure be preserved in the future)?*
2. *What are your LEAST favorite things about Kittery (that you feel are important to change in the future)?*
3. *What are your thoughts regarding additional development in Kittery?*
4. *Looking ahead, what are your thoughts regarding additional development in Kittery? What kind of development (housing, commercial, industrial) would you consider to be desirable?*

Looking ahead, what would you say will be some of the important issues we should be aware of and take into account when planning for the future? How should we take advantage of the opportunities and address the challenges?

5. *If you could do one thing to improve Kittery, what would it be?*
6. Lastly, participants were asked to respond to the following question in writing:
What makes Kittery Unique?

DEVELOPING A SHARED VISION OF KITTERY'S FUTURE

Crafting a vision statement is a way of understanding and describing the desired future as envisioned by a group of people. The input of those who participated in this visioning workshop will be combined with the input of residents gathered in other venues to craft a vision statement and goals for the future of Kittery. The other venues include an on-line conversation and comment boards at the Town Hall and Community Center.

The following represent the key elements to include in the vision statement as identified by the participants of the workshop. An action plan will be developed at a later phase in the process; it will be based on this vision. The plan will outline steps necessary to reach the future desired state that is based on the community's common values as much as is possible.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF FORUM DISCUSSION

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SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANT TOP RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

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- Foreside
- Recreational access to natural assets
- Coastline

Also:

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- *Rural character*
- *Demographic diversity*
- *Sense of community*

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- Traffic

Also:

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- *Lack of parking*
- *Town codes*
- *School system*
- *Lack of protection of historic and natural resources*

Thoughts regarding additional development

- Provide sidewalks and bike lanes
- Relate development to infrastructure and services
- Affordable housing needed
- Support small local business
- Respect natural resources

Also:

- *More mixed use development*
- *Protect local character*
- *Limited industrial expansion*
- *Protect rural character*
- *Re-imagine the malls*
- *Increase public access to the waterfront*

Future Opportunities

- Preservation of historic places and landscapes
- Proximity to Portsmouth

Also:

- *New library*
- *Opportunities for development (commercial and mixed use)*
- *Additional recreation*
- *Opportunities for aging in place*

Future Challenges

- Protection of natural features
- Maintaining demographic diversity
- Managing growth
- School system/reputation

Also:

- *Town government dysfunction*
- *Climate change and sea level rise*
- *Consensus building*

One thing to improve Kittery

- Sidewalks and bike lanes
- Establish Town planning process
- Improve school system
- Increase sustainability
- Improve town government

Also:

- *Affordable housing*
- *Resolve and complete library plan*
- *Support small businesses*
- *Parking plan*
- *Historic preservation*
- *Preserve open space*
- *More public spaces*
- *Increase recreational opportunities*

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What Makes Kittery Unique?

Participants identified a wide range of features that make Kittery unique (see page 28 for a complete list). These fell into the following categories:

Physical Setting

- Waterfront/views
- Natural resources
- Historic charm
- Open spaces
- Location
- Access to neighboring communities
- Near highway
- Near beaches

Town character

- Small, friendly community
- Walkability
- Community engagement
- Community pride
- Craft culture (arts, brews)
- Diverse population
- Diverse economy

Public and Private Amenities

- Fort Foster
- Fort McClary
- Seapoint Beach
- Town Forest
- Johnson Farm
- Local businesses
- Outlets
- Amazing public spaces
- Brave Boat Harbor
- Foreside

Town facilities and entities

- Schools
- Kittery Community Center
- Kittery Land Trust

"I love where I live!! I want to own a home here... but am concerned about affordability."

"Let's work together for mindful development with community involvement."

"The working waterfront, please work to preserve it!"



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Detailed Documentation of Small Group Discussion

1. “WHAT ARE YOUR **FAVORITE** THINGS ABOUT KITTERY (THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO ENSURE BE PRESERVED IN THE FUTURE)”?

<i>FAVORITE FEATURES: Response</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i># of groups</i>	<i># of dots¹</i>
Cultural and historical assets and vitality of the Foreside area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Local cultural development and small independent business at Foreside</i>• <i>arts, historical buildings</i>• <i>Historic character, buildings and parks</i>• <i>Historic houses</i>• <i>Keep creative people (affordability)</i>• <i>Many artists and shops</i>• <i>Buoy and Dance Hall</i>	12	95
Recreational access to local natural assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Sea Point Beach,</i>• <i>View from Crockett’s Neck Causeway</i>• <i>Parks, marshes, etc.</i>• <i>Walking, hiking</i>• <i>Brave Boat Harbor</i>• <i>Beach access; “70% water”</i>• <i>Natural beauty</i>• <i>Respect for nature; Preserve wildlife</i>• <i>Rachel Carson NWET</i>	12	69
Coastline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Waterfront view, light</i>• <i>Working waterfront</i>• <i>Seapoint Beach</i>• <i>Spruce Creek</i>• <i>Topnotch Coastline Naturalist</i>	12	67
Public Parks/Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Fort Foster</i>• <i>Fort McClary</i>• <i>Sea Point Beach</i>• <i>Rogers Park</i>	9	41
Rural character	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Open space and undeveloped land</i>• <i>Not overbuilt</i>	6	35

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FAVORITE FEATURES: Response	Comments	# of groups	# of dots¹
Demographic diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variety of incomes Mix of working class and wealthier residents, diversity of workers Kindness towards diversity “weird white people” 	7	33
Sense of community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace of life, quiet Scale of community, near Portsmouth Downtown Community love Working together to help each other So many people who serve and volunteer The way the town comes together (e.g. Block Party, this forum) Uniquely charming 	10	31
Walkability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridges, walking access, interconnectedness 5 year old Decland of Foreside 	8	26
Location and access to surrounding areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boston, mountains, Portsmouth Bridges/biking/walking to Portsmouth 	6	24
Local businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small, independent Local eateries: good selection of great restaurants Small businesses in Foreside 	6	24
Community Center		7	15
Diversity of places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks, Foreside, outlets Division and definition of residential and commercial zoning Distinct neighborhoods Gourmet Alley/Shipyard/Outlets 	5	12
Rice Library		3	12
Affordability of housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not gentrified 	3	11
Dog-friendly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming to dogs 	2	10
Openness to new ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desire for change Innovation/dynamic entrepreneurship 	3	8

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FAVORITE FEATURES: Response	Comments	# of groups	# of dots¹
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Progressive</i> • <i>Small system</i> 	4	8
Town Hall staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff and Committee representation</i> • <i>Town Dept. heads come together to care for residents and Town</i> • <i>Preserve form of Town government</i> 	3	7
Pepperrell Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Parking lot</i> 	2	7
Personal safety		2	6
Kittery Land Trust		2	6
Potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We have seen it come a long way</i> 	2	5
Clean water		1	4
Connection to local history and seafaring ties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fishing industry</i> 	2	2
Navy Yard		1	1
Architecture and scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Small scale buildings</i> 	2	1
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Availability</i> 	1	1

ALSO (only 1 group, 0 dots):

Kittery Medical facility: York Hospital outlet

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2. "WHAT ARE YOUR **LEAST FAVORITE** THINGS ABOUT KITTERY (THAT YOU FEEL ARE IMPORTANT TO CHANGE IN THE FUTURE)?"

LEAST FAVORITE FEATURES: Response	Comments	# of groups	# of dots²
Dysfunctional Town Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Contention, mean-spiritedness</i> • <i>Petty town politics</i> • <i>Back-stabbing and lack of transparency</i> • <i>Small town Good-Old-Boy politics</i> • <i>Too many changes of government officials, no continuity or momentum towards goals</i> • <i>Clear relationship between paid employees (Town Departments staff) and town volunteer committees</i> • <i>Lack of civil discourse at Town meetings</i> • <i>Accessibility to town hall – hours (its difficult to work within a week that is shortened to 3 days because of many Monday holidays)</i> • <i>Inability on the part of the town to remove employees who are not performing</i> • <i>Too complicated to find answers from town government (need to know someone)</i> • <i>Goals and ideas of this community have been ignored in the past</i> • <i>Failure of government (council vs. manager)</i> • <i>More support for volunteer committees</i> • <i>Too few people involved</i> 	6	75
Not pedestrian friendly, Lack of sidewalks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sidewalks are inconsistent, need a plan</i> • <i>Quality, consistency, maintenance</i> • <i>Speeding enforcement</i> • <i>Lack of snow removal of sidewalks</i> • <i>Rt. 103 Roadway towards York</i> • <i>Haley Road dangerous</i> • <i>Continue sidewalk on Rogers Road</i> 	10	66
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipyards, outlets, speeding • <i>Seasonal and commuter</i> • <i>Outlets access/congestion</i> 	12	51

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LEAST FAVORITE FEATURES: Response	Comments	# of groups	# of dots²
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of enforcement of speed limits Shipyards congestion, unsafe for pedestrians Speed on 103/traffic Rogers Road Government Street and 103 Condition of roads Lack of long-term planning for parking, traffic, bike lanes, etc. 		
Biking is difficult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of bike lanes Quality, consistency, maintenance Rt. 103 Roadway towards York Haley Road dangerous 	9	35
Lack of parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Especially in the Foreside Lack of plan for parking garage Try a day of no parking" Need a town-wide parking plan Parking at RCNWR 	9	32
Town codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordinances are too restrictive for small businesses Selective enforcement Loose shore land and zoning enforcement Need for unifying views, rules and zoning Poor zoning, height, cluster regs 	4	24
School system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative attitudes about school system/ reluctance to support Need improvement Needs to be competitive with surrounding towns 	5	18
Lack of protection of historic and natural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spruce Creek pollution Progress is replacing history No Historical Commission No protection of historic buildings 	5	18
Pollution of Spruce Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water quality not good – algae in water Fix Pierce Island - Septic storm water overflow is effecting Kittery's beaches and Spruce Creek 	2	17
Lack of a plan to preserve the character and history of Kittery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased development in rural areas 	2	14
Lack of public transportation		4	14
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public access to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Needs to be a better neighbor (traffic, fiscal, impact on 	6	12

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LEAST FAVORITE FEATURES: Response	Comments	# of groups	# of dots²
	<i>town resources, etc.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much emphasis • Privatize it 		
Recreational facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition of Athletic fields • Lack of athletic fields/playgrounds 	1	11
Not business friendly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of permits Code officer qualifications • Inconsistency of town officials information 	1	11
Lack of youth activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more variety • Lack of youth engagement in “how are town works” • Lack of playgrounds 	3	11
Lack of affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce housing ; need a diversity of housing without being cookie-cutter 	2	10
JPJ Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutilated statue • rusted flag pole 	3	10
Lack of public waterfront access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of right of ways and community access 	2	8
Use and access of beaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-of-state use of Sea Point Beach • Don't like restricted access to beaches • Professional dog walkers are bringing many dogs at once to Sea Point Beach and dog poop ordinance is not being enforced. Need to regulate and patrol beach and other natural areas more. 	2	8
Reuse of Water Department back lot “Sand pit”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn it into low income housing/retail/parking ,etc. 	2	8
Separation of parts of town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could use more unity between parts of town (In-town, Kittery Point, North of the malls, West of R95) • Small town is disconnected 	3	6
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of communication - Need for maps 	1	6
Library change		1	6
Poor image to outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aesthetics Sarah Long bridge • Park with defaced statue and rusted flagpole 	1	6
Need Town grant writer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated job 	1	5

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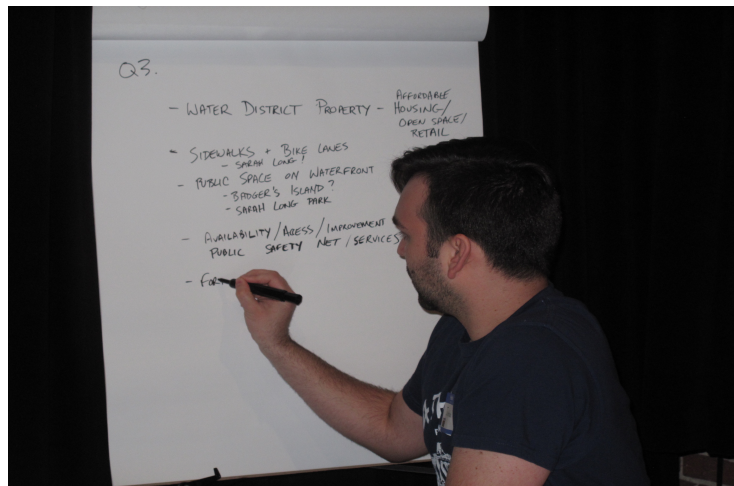
LEAST FAVORITE FEATURES: Response	Comments	# of groups	# of dots²
Taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unfair tax structure: tax break for outlets</i> 	2	5
Resistance to change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"We've tried that before and it didn't work attitude"</i> • 	1	5
No pump out station at Pepperrell Cove		1	5
Taxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unfair tax structure: tax break for outlets</i> 	2	5
Lack of green energy in public buildings		1	5
Lack of access to utilities and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No natural gas on Kittery Point</i> • <i>No sewer on Kittery Point</i> • <i>Inadequate access to town water</i> 	1	5
Drug problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Heroin use</i> 	2	4
Mall/Outlets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Not local</i> • <i>Overemphasis</i> • <i>Access/congestion</i> 	4	4
No preference for residents for mooring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No preference for mooring fees/access</i> 	1	3
Lack of consideration for seniors		1	3
Lack of parking at Sea Point Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Also lack of enforcement</i> 	1	3
Lack of commitment to sustainability benchmarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There are no apparent town-wide goals of energy efficiency or mandated requirements for new buildings or renovations. Need commitment and will to enforce. Strengthen language to achieve the intent of the ordinances that preserve and protect Kittery's resources</i> 	1	3
Foreside: Uncontrolled development and parking issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lack of parking</i> • <i>Poor lighting from parking to Wallingford Square</i> • <i>Too many names/signs: "Foreside, Wallingford Square,</i> 	3	3

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LEAST FAVORITE FEATURES: Response	Comments	# of groups	# of dots²
	<i>Post office square"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocate ambulance lot - Move the EMS to another Town facility (Kittery FD Gorges Rd.) and re-purpose the lot for parking for Foreside 		
Streetlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Foreside Area and Badger's Island 	1	3
Litter on Lewis Road		1	3
TIFs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Increment Financing 	1	2
Recycling center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> could be set up better, is congested and frustrating 	1	1

ALSO (only 1 group, 0 dots):

- Unkempt lot off bypass to circle
- Lack of welcome signs
- Lack of funding for town facilities
- Restricted hours of Post Office



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3. "WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS REGARDING ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN KITTERY?" What kind of development (housing, commercial, industrial) would you consider to be desirable? Where should it occur? Any specific desires or concerns?

ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Response	Comments	# of groups
Provide sidewalks and bike lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sarah Long Bridge</i> <i>Integrate zones – make more walkable (year round sidewalk maintenance) and safe areas for bicycle commuters</i> <i>Develop bike path on RR tracks</i> 	10
Relate development to infrastructure and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Steer development to areas where services exist in areas with sewer and water</i> <i>Availability/access/improvement of public services</i> <i>Extend sewer</i> <i>Encourage the type of development that supports infrastructure</i> <i>Understand impact of development before approval</i> <i>Rules that promote better use of existing developed areas</i> 	9
Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Workforce housing</i> <i>Provide incentives to encourage affordable workplace housing everywhere in Kittery</i> <i>Working people are being driven out</i> <i>Need mixed income housing</i> <i>Develop along bypass</i> 	7
Support small local businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Small scale business</i> <i>Control big box and impact of traffic</i> <i>Provide incentives for small businesses</i> <i>Need more commercial development to balance the tax base</i> 	6
Respect natural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Encourage development while respecting conservation restrictions to protect environment</i> <i>Continue expanding open space with development</i> <i>Sustainable development, protect environment</i> 	6
More mixed use development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Residential with appropriate commercial in walkable areas</i> <i>Dennett/Martin/236/95 block should be true mixed use</i> <i>Mixed use development on the Water district property: affordable housing, open space and retail</i> <i>Case-by-case consideration?</i> <i>Mixed use makes it easier to grow business</i> <i>On Route 1 Corridor</i> 	5
Protect local character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Develop consistent with neighborhood/community</i> <i>Keep new development minimal</i> <i>Adaptive reuse of Foreside buildings</i> 	5

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ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Response	Comments	# of groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development that doesn't gobble up open space and keeps Kittery affordable and attractive • Careful with density with infill development 	
Limited industrial expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carefully and publically vetted • Useful for space between I-95 and Rt. 1 • Small scale • Low tech industrial 	5
Protect rural character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger minimum lot size in the rural residential zone • Rules that promote better use of existing developed areas • Control sprawl • No more development on new land • No more outlets 	5
Re-imagine the malls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor pedestrian traffic at mall areas • Improve and plan for the future, including planning for multiple use of mall area buildings • Downsize outlets or incorporate mixed use 	4
Public space on the waterfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badger's Island, Sarah Long Park • Kittery Point P.O, Frisbee Market, town dock preservation and utilization • Public access to land, water and views • Town Dock – small marine space in Foreside 	4
Protect historic resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an Historic District for Kittery Point • Restore historic buildings • Preserve existing buildings in Foreside area • Creative adaptive reuse 	3
Address parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide centrally located parking with trollies/small scale public transportation • Develop a comprehensive parking plan 	3
55+ housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale • Assisted Living housing on the Route 1 bypass • More senior housing with sidewalks and public transportation 	3
Improvements to Fort Foster, beaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access and parking • Open to public for longer season 	3
Cluster zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve current regulations; it is not being utilized in the most affective areas • Weak cluster development regs 	3
Thoughtful , aesthetically pleasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More trees in the Kittery PO parking lot, improve appearance • Guidelines for <u>all</u> new development in Kittery 	3

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ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Response	Comments	# of groups
development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Make State Road visually attractive</i> • <i>More cluster, dense, smart growth development</i> • <i>Controlled development that doesn't change the historic character</i> • <i>Protect existing neighborhoods</i> 	
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Develop Rice library building into a Discover Maine Museum</i> • <i>21st century library</i> 	3
Supermarket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In outlet area</i> 	2
Provide pedestrian amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Place benches on Rogers Road and Foreside for pedestrians (also more trees). Seniors walking from Kittery Estates, Meetinghouse Village and Foxwell have requested benches</i> • <i>Include seating and trash receptacles in all new development</i> 	2
Extend Foreside area		2
Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To keep mixed population in town</i> • <i>More flexibility in using existing housing stock</i> 	2
Be more business friendly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Route 1 corridor -Businesses often cannot get through the town process in order to bring business here</i> • <i>Make new development process "the planning office applications" more efficient</i> 	2
Water District Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Develop as affordable housing/retail/open space</i> 	2
Develop guidelines for accessory units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Family apartments, AirBnb, vacation rentals. Allow aging population to stay in place. Allows renters more options without the need for more land.</i> 	1
Develop Dennett Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For commercial use</i> 	1
Be open-minded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>About growth</i> 	1
New chain hotel/inn with pool		1
Need to attract more young families		1

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ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Response	Comments	# of groups
Too dependent on Shipyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Town's economy is too dependent</i> 	1
Green development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sustainable</i> 	1



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4. LOOKING AHEAD, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY WILL BE SOME OF THE IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHEN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE? HOW SHOULD WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE?

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES: Response	Comments	# of groups
Preservation of historic places and landscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic values, preservation, create historic commission • Create historical Commission, more than National Register • Conservation of natural space money and ordinances • Acquisition of remaining open space (needs open space bonding money) • Maintain rural character • Designate parts of town to preserve the character • Develop tourism around historic resources • Nature education: Kittery Land Trust/ "Agamenticus to the Sea" 	6
Proximity to Portsmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility to Portsmouth • Growth in Portsmouth • We are becoming an alternative to Portsmouth • Keep identity distinct from Portsmouth 	6
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • both an opportunity and a challenge • repurpose Rice Building and courthouse into a Children's Museum • build a new library 	4
Opportunities for development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room for commercial expansion: Rt. 1 Bypass development • Water district property – opportunity to redevelop • Mixed use opportunities 	4
Increase Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC campus strategic plan • Athletic fields Plan • JPJ Park acquisition and use 	4
Opportunities for aging in place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accommodate services • more small scale 55+ housing 	4
Improving walkability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect network, Rt. 103, crossing at Rt. 1, • Needs space, money, political will. • Sarah Mildred Long bridge development - Walking, biking, public space 	3
An opportunity for the town to renew itself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steer growth • Kittery will increasingly be a magnet for people to live and start businesses, so how do we harness this without losing the qualities that make it a great place to live and work. 	3

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<i>FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES: Response</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i># of groups</i>
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improvements, changes</i> • <i>Upgrade school system, an opportunity for smaller schools</i> 	3
Working waterfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guidelines for owners on water</i> • <i>Frisbee/Captain Simenon's redevelopment</i> • <i>Marine resources</i> 	3
Take steps to make the town environmental friendly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alternative energy sources- Carbon neutrality/sustainability – solar, wind</i> • <i>LED lights, solar arrays, plastic bags, control storm water management, dog waste, lack of septic tank database, non regulation for fertilizer run off, deer</i> 	2
Cyber improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improve internet access via competition</i> 	2
Share resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>regionalization</i> 	1
Good location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To attract commuters</i> 	1
Shipyard		1
Provide communal spaces		1
Friendly Police force		1
Improve relationship of Town Committees		1
Keep people here	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Create jobs - Not just service jobs; a well-rounded economy to keep people here</i> • <i>Affordable housing</i> 	1
Expand transportation options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Taxi service</i> • <i>Public transportation</i> 	1

ALSO (only 1 group, 0 dots): Need Pharmacy (other than RiteAid)

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B. LOOKING AHEAD, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY WILL BE SOME OF THE IMPORTANT **CHALLENGES** WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WHEN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE? HOW SHOULD WE ADDRESS THESE?

FUTURE CHALLENGES: Response	Comments	# of groups
Protection of natural features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Protect/establish watersheds/wildlife habitats</i> • <i>Preservation of natural spaces</i> • <i>Loss of critical habitat</i> • <i>Development pressures on natural resources</i> • <i>Buying land</i> 	5
Maintaining demographic diversity and planning for population growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Attract young families, provide affordable housing</i> 	5
Managing growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In Foreside and elsewhere</i> • <i>Sorting out development pressures</i> • <i>Need for more consistent and coherent town policies</i> • <i>Pressure to develop land</i> • <i>Need stricter zoning</i> • <i>Town sewer lines</i> 	5
School system/reputation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Improve educational opportunities</i> • <i>Need for excellent school system and adult education</i> • <i>Closing Traip (regional high school)</i> • <i>Access to vocational education</i> 	5
Town government dysfunction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Divided town council</i> 	4
Climate change and sea level rise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Flood plain infrastructure</i> 	4
Consensus building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Resistance to coordination</i> • <i>How to create and sustain community engagement</i> • <i>NIMBY-ism</i> 	4
Traffic/parking in Foreside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Walking/biking, parking garage?</i> • <i>Long term planning for transportation and parking</i> • <i>Plan for electric cars</i> • <i>Increase cooperation between businesses and town regarding parking</i> 	3
Maintaining working waterfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Too many boats</i> 	3

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<i>FUTURE CHALLENGES: Response</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i># of groups</i>
Protection of historic sites		3
Context sensitive design and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use/repurpose what we have</i> • <i>Layout of future development</i> • <i>Town needs to help/educate land owners to design creatively to accommodate ordinances (setbacks, wetlands, shore lands, rare plants and animals, etc)</i> 	3
Aging population - Ability for residents to age in place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Housing for all generations, people are being pushed out</i> 	3
Biking/walking on roads		3
Changes at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BRAC or other changes at the shipyard (no local control)</i> 	3
Town services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Enterprise Privilege? Consider regionalizing services</i> • <i>Collaborate with other towns for renewable and sustainable energy resources and technologies</i> 	2
Maine state agencies		2
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Needs to be part of our plan</i> 	2
Keeping Kittery business friendly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Attract outside investors</i> 	2
Funding / revenue		1
Future of Port Authority		1
Growth in Portsmouth		1
Employment		1
Decline of the malls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Due to on-line shopping</i> 	1

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<i>FUTURE CHALLENGES: Response</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i># of groups</i>
Popularity of Foreside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>And related challenges: parking, wear and tear on roadways and local resident's properties and lives as traffic increases</i> 	1
Preserving gateway of Piscataqua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Limited parking, state of Maine, Pepperrell Cove</i> • <i>Many partners, trolley transport</i> 	1
Keeping Kittery unique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cherry pick developers and development</i> 	1
Accountability		1
Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For workforce</i> • <i>More rental housing</i> 	1
Create more neighborhoods		1
Get youth involved in town government		1
How to attract young families		1
How to centralize the Kittery Community Campus		1
Dependence on Shipyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It may not always be there</i> 	1
Lack of diversity in population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lack of support for those with J-1 visas</i> 	1



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5. "IF YOU COULD DO ONE THING TO IMPROVE KITTERY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?"

IF YOU COULD DO 1 THING... Response	Comments	# of groups	# of dots³
Sidewalks and bike lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make roads safer for pedestrians and bikes • Involve community in making roads safer • Bike and pedestrian safety • Rt. 103 bike accessibility 	11	72
Establish Town Planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen led, open, organized, be proactive, not reactive • Proactive community planning like today • Integrate kids and adults in civic education and activities • Encourage involvement in community • More participation of citizens in town governance as members as well as witnesses to the process • Involve youth in town government • More citizen participation • Better communication 	7	46
Improve school system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernize education • Keep school department separate from town policies • 24/7 access to educational opportunities 	6	33
Increase sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become an example of carbon neutrality/sustainability • Solar energy on all town buildings • Replant shore land with native species • Robustly embrace sustainable design as a town • Local tax credits for solar improvements • Maintain diversity: economic, socio-economic, and cultural 	6	33
Improve town government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change tone of town government to cooperation, civility, respect • Transparency • Respect • One set of interpretations for town rules • Hire and maintain a good town manager 	6	31

³ All participants were asked to respond to this question. Once all group members had contributed their ideas, each participant was given 5 dots and asked to get up from their seats and "vote" on which they felt was most important by placing the dots next to the words on the large pads. Each participant was requested to use all of their dots, but instructed not to place any more than 3 dots on any one item.

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<i>IF YOU COULD DO 1 THING... Response</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i># of groups</i>	<i># of dots³</i>
Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible • Integrate affordable housing for the workforce (accessory units, temporary intra-family units) 	4	23
Resolve and complete library plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st century library • Improve and expand • Study future of library, currently the process is not transparent • New library 	4	21
Support small businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale • Be more friendly to small businesses 	3	20
Parking plan		3	19
Historic preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized historical awareness, aesthetics, preservation • Including preservation of working waterfront • Develop historical tourism 	3	18
Preserve open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase protected lands (Kittery Land Trust) • Citizen education for responsible and effective use of our natural resources 	4	17
More public spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And better use of existing spaces (events?) • Unify public space and beautify it 	3	16
Increase recreational opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase youth activities for teens • Improve athletic fields • Parks and playgrounds 	4	16
Control development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With better zoning • Plan the development of housing • Strict zoning to preserve existing communities • Moratorium on major subdivisions 	3	13
Public transportation		2	11
Community unity		1	10
Traffic improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforce speed limits • Repair roads, paving 	3	9
Access to ocean/marine resources		1	7

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<i>IF YOU COULD DO 1 THING... Response</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i># of groups</i>	<i># of dots³</i>
Protect scenic vistas		1	6
Increase respect and accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Between citizens, town officials, drivers/cyclists/pedestrians, respect for the environment and current regulations, use of tax \$, etc.</i> 	2	6
Preserve diversity of residents		1	5
Expand art community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>More cultural/art venues</i> 	1	4
Ferry shuttle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To and from Portsmouth</i> 	1	4
Free Internet access to all		1	3
Improve the recycling center		1	2
Reduce impacts of Shipyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Noise and light pollution</i> 	1	2
Clean up individual properties		1	1
Senior housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Upscale, sustainable retirement community</i> 	1	1

ALSO (only 1 group, 0 dots): Smart traffic lights (add one at the Community Center access intersection)



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What Makes Kittery Unique?

Participants were asked to write down on the back of their agendas their response to the question: “*What makes Kittery Unique?*” They were also given the opportunity to write down any “additional comments.” These are recorded on the following pages. The following is what they wrote.

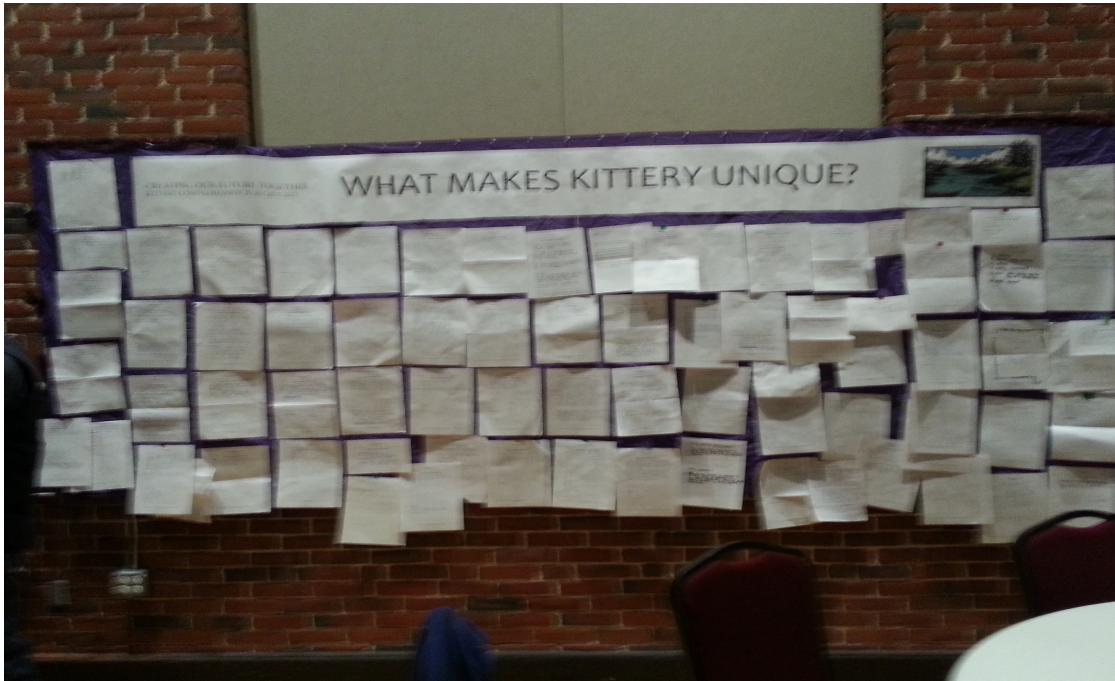
Response	Comments	Frequency (Number of people)
Natural resources/conserved land	Public access to water, recreation. Water views, appreciation for the natural environment/geography. Sustainability and conservation very important to values of town residents.	47
Small, friendly community	Welcoming, comfortable, sense of place and community cohesion, acceptance	31
Historic resources	Historic “charm” and character	24
Location, Access to neighboring communities/Portsmouth	Beautiful location, near highway access, near beaches	22
Support of local business/outlets, development	Diversity in business, lots of local businesses	20
Diverse population/diverse economics	All different levels of income, race, sexuality, etc	17
Fort Foster/McClary, Seapoint Beach, Town Forest, KLT and BBH and Johnson Farm	Preservation efforts	17
Schools, infrastructure, community center		10
Craft culture (arts, brews)	Arts, restaurants	10
Community Engagement	Today and community pride	7
Walkability	Needs more bike lanes	6

Other Comments

“I LOVE WHERE I LIVE!!! I want to own a home here not always rent, but am concerned about affordability. Please think about not just “affordable housing” but also job creation that provide not just living wages and salaries, but thriving wages and salaries. Then we can engage in greater capacities to continue to make Kittery so beautiful, diverse and great.”

“Way to go, Kittery, for turning out today – let’s do this again!”

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"Let's work together for mindful development with community involvement."

"Needs more sidewalks and bike paths."

"We have to come together to proactively work through competing ideas and ideological philosophies – whole thinking."

"Needs to be updated to 21st century."

"We need a more bicycle friendly attitude. The town policy need to enforce speed limits."

"Major traffic problems because of Navy Yard. Noise and light pollution from Navy Yard. Schools need improvement – low test scores. Unstable town government. Needs more sidewalks and bike lanes."

"Thank you for bringing the community together!!"

"Amazing public spaces that need to be taken advantage of even better."

"It needs a modern library – not a building that is a monster to heat with little room for functions and an annex that is also over burden – Kittery's library is an embarrassment."

"Cohesion planning critical."

1. Connect – not divide. Integrated mixed-use zoning
2. Simple

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3. *Getting to zero – adopt measurable sustainable development*
4. *Regional collaboration saves resources*

"Today's process is the fun, easy part. We need to transfer today's ideas and spirit to an open, continuing process of community involvement in planning our town's future. Hopefully our elected and our paid town folks will actually use the collective will of the community to inform their work and their sense of direction. Thanks!"

"I wouldn't want to grow up in any other town. Thank you."

"Without proper preservation and maintain the working waterfront much of the uniqueness of this town will disappear along with the working waterfront."

"We need a professional full time grant writer! We are missing opportunities and so much available funding. They will more than pay for their salary. They also help in contracts for the town. We have a domestic violence issue that needs attention, support, more options for these women."

"dysfunctional town government."

"more affordable communities" are around Kittery

"taxes on property are too high. We have few town sewers."

"no 'luxury condos,' please!"

"need community engagement to be ongoing. Make more walkable and bicycle friendly. Community trolley to help with traffic and parking. Controlled development and support of small local business and artists."

"can we work on improving and protecting our coastal landscape? Become a 'green community'? protect our wildlife, have thoughtful town growth."

"find a good way to inform the community on the results of this discussion. It should be in writing, on the web. Any way possible."

"Spruce Creek is covered in a thin film of pollution and we need accessible housing (both types), as well as bike lanes and sidewalks."

"Although this is a great community to live and work we have all felt the recent divisiveness in both our local and higher levels of government and media. It's not easy to say we are this, but in writing it down in an official town document, it will reflect who we are and what we hold most important. I ask that you give serious consideration. Thank you."

Asked to protect green space, wildlife, water resources, open land. Also asked for "new bridge authorities to pay extra for a bridge which is curved high enough not to be a lift/draw bridge."

"Kittery needs a coherent public relationships face to enable a visitor to assess our town."

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Perks of Participation

Participants were automatically eligible for a **free raffle**. Several participants won a range of prizes.

Also a **big thank** you to **Weathervane Seafood Restaurant, Beach Pea Baking Company, and Lil's Café**, who provided a wide range of lunch and snack options.



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CREATING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER



KITTERY 2015-2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Summary of Public Input Town-wide PUBLIC FORUM #2: Saturday, June 11, 2016

Meeting Purpose and Process

Purpose

A town-wide public forum was held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the STAR Theatre at the Kittery Community Center. The purpose of the meeting was to invite Kittery residents to build on the input from the first public forum and to discuss the Preliminary Vision and Goals and the Inventory and assessment of existing resources. The forum provided an opportunity for residents to begin to identify strategies for achieving the goals and to set priorities. The Implementation Plan that will guide future decision-making will be based on these.

Process

Approximately 85 residents attended the public forum. The Consultant Team presented a summary of the planning process and provided a brief overview of the visioning process. Participants were then invited to visit the eight (8) Goal Stations located around the perimeter of the room. A Steering Committee member was at each station to welcome participants and to instruct them to add comments on Post It notes. Once all had provided

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their additional thoughts to the Goals and Objectives that were developed based on input received at the previous public forum, participants were asked to prioritize within each Goal. That is, each participant was given 5 dots for each goal. They were asked to use these to indicate which strategies they considered to be most important. Participants were instructed to use up to 3 dots on anyone item. Once they had completed this exercise, participants were given 4 larger dots with which to prioritize across dots, that is, they were to select the three strategies they felt were most important regardless of which goal they were associated with and then to emphasize one of these by placing their fourth dot next to the one they felt was most critical.

In addition to the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, the ways in which the Vision and Goals can be achieved, a series of 16 “Burning Questions” were asked. Participants were asked to respond to these on Post It notes as well.

The following is a list of items that received the LARGE dots, those that were used to identify priorities across all 7 Goals. There was an additional Goal Station labeled “Other” that also received comments as well as dots. There was a map located next to this where participants could locate challenges and opportunities that were specific to a particular geographic location. They used yellow Post It Notes for Challenges and green for Opportunities.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FORUM DISCUSSION

The following are select highlights from the Forum. The strategies listed are those that received the most support from participants. Detailed documentation of all responses follows the summary.

Participants expressed significant interest in **Historic Preservation**. Specifically, they supported:

- creating a Kittery Historic Commission
- conducting an inventory of buildings and styles
- establishing historic districts
- developing tourism around historic resources

Participants were also very interested in protecting Kittery’s Natural Resources, with significant support for the following:

Protection of the Town’s **Natural Resources, Open Spaces and Recreation** was enthusiastically supported, especially:

- Protect farmlands from over-development
- Protect wildlife corridors
- Enforce dog feces ordinance at Seapoint Beach and Fort Foster
- Articulate Town-wide goals for energy efficiency
- Use renewable energy for all town buildings

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- Determine sustainability requirements for new buildings and renovations
- Prepare for climate change and sea level rise
- Strengthen language in existing ordinances that protect the Town's natural resources and increases enforcement

Participants top responses in terms of **Economic Development**, include the following:

- Implement recommendations from the Foreside Forums
- Create an Overlay District for the Foreside District (including regulations for adaptive reuse)
- Steer development to areas with available sewer and water and where other such development already exists (not rural areas)
- Attract jobs that support lower income residents
- Develop an overlay district with design guidelines for future redevelopment of the outlets area
- Develop materials promoting Kittery's assets and quality of life to attract young families and young professionals
- Include fishermen in the conversation regarding what they need

There was a significant amount of interest expressed in protecting the environment. The Goal/Objective that received the largest number of large prioritization dots was that of Protecting Kittery's Natural Resources by **implementing sustainability measures**. The desire to do more to prepare for climate adaptation and sea level rise was expressed in another of other areas.

The single item that received the largest number of large dots was with regard to **Dogs on the Beach**. The majority of participants felt that dogs should not be allowed on the beach, at least in the summer, and that there should be bags and waste receptacles available for dog owners to use.

Participants seemed to support the idea of providing a range of **Housing** to accommodate aging in place, workforce low and moderate incomes, micro housing, mixed use housing in walkable centers. Specifically they supported the following strategies:

- Develop an affordable housing plan
- Review accessory units bylaw and make it easier to use
- Support the development of housing for seniors including Assisted living facilities

In terms of **Transportation and Circulation**, participants were concerned about traffic from the Shipyard and maintenance of Kittery's road network. They were also extremely interested in making walking and biking more possible and in providing a town-wide shuttle. Additionally, they supported the following specific strategies with regard to parking:

- Develop a town-wide Parking Plan

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- Consider establishing a centrally located parking area with trolleys/shuttle buses

Participants placed a lot of their LARGE priority dots on strategies regarding protecting and enhancing Kittery's **Marine Resources**. Strategies which received significant support include the following:

- Protect/preserve views to the water
- Mitigate pollutants to ensure water quality
- Provide water shuttle to Portsmouth
- Give preference to residents for mooring fees/access
- Make better use of Government Street Pier and better connect it to the Foreside area
- Protect fishing industry—Mitigate environmental impacts of tourism and recreation on water quality and sea life
- Review existing Harbor Plan, Mooring Plan, and Wood Island Plan

Lastly, participants reviewed strategies related to **Governance and Municipal Facilities and Services** and supported the following strategies among others:

Governance

- Increase transparency of decision-making
- Actively plan to protect the environment
- Establish town planning process
- Streamline permitting and simplify zoning

Municipal Facilities

- Provide more activities for youth
- Improve school system and address issue of reputation
- Improve the Resource Recovery Center
- New library (either renovate existing or build new)

Municipal Services

- Residents need to be informed of infrastructure projects and related costs
- Consider regionalizing services when appropriate

Participants were asked to not only prioritize strategies within each Goal, but also across Goals. The following are the priority Goals, Objectives and Strategies as identified by participants using their large prioritization dots.

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PRIORITIZATION ACROSS GOALS

Goal	Objective	Strategy	# of LARGE DOTS
Historic and Cultural Resources			
Protect Historic Resources		Create a Kittery Historic Commission	4
		Identify the diversity in building styles which currently make up the fabric and protect it	1
Promote Kittery's History		Expand Kittery Naval Museum	1
Natural Resources			
Protect and preserve critical open spaces for passive recreation, visual impact and preservation of wildlife habitat		Protect farmlands from over-development by having a larger minimum lot sizes in rural residential zone	2
		Protect critical habitats and wildlife corridors	3
Implement sustainability measures to protect the environment		Begin by articulating Town-wide goals for energy efficiency	5
		Use renewable energy for all town buildings (e.g. solar)	3
		Provide incentives to residents and businesses (e.g. tax credits) to encourage use of renewable energy sources	1
		Determine sustainability requirements for new buildings and renovations	5
		Prepare for climate change and sea level rise	2
		Strengthen language in existing ordinances that protect the Town's natural resources and increase enforcement	2
		Encourage use of LED lighting and solar arrays	2
Economic Development			
Attract and retain businesses at Foreside		Implement recommendations from Foreside Forums	2
		Create an overlay district for the Foreside District including adaptive reuse regulations	9

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Goal	Objective	Strategy	# of LARGE DOTS
		Support local businesses, provide incentives	2
		Become more business-friendly by streamlining permitting	1
Identify and promote desirable locations for additional development		Steer development to areas with available sewer and water and where development already exists	2
Develop guidelines for future redevelopment of the outlet malls into a mixed use more pedestrian friendly area		Develop an overlay district with design guidelines	1
Create jobs for a variety of skill sets and range of salaries		Attract jobs that support lower income residents	2
Promote Kittery as a good place to raise a family		Develop materials to promote Kittery's assets and quality of life	7
Housing and Neighborhoods			
Attract young families and retain residents with a variety of incomes		Develop an affordable housing plan	7
Support Elderly residents ability to age in place		Support the development of housing for seniors including assisted living facilities	1
Support Elderly residents ability to age in place		Support the development of housing for seniors including assisted living facilities	1
Transportation and Circulation			
Provide/develop sidewalks, walking trails and bike paths		Make walking /biking safe everywhere Connect sidewalks Improve lighting	6
Shipyard traffic		Stagger traffic leaving shipyard for workers Develop teleworking and flexible schedules Better traffic light Provide shuttle buses and park and ride lot Shipyard should pay for traffic officers	5
Consider providing a town-wide shuttle			2
Consider boat taxis			2
Consider town regulations for Uber & other car sharing		Need charging stations for electrical cars	1
Develop a town-wide Parking Plan			1
Marine Resources			
Increase access to the waterfront		Protect views	1
		Provide water shuttle to Portsmouth	5
		Give residents preference for mooring	1

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Goal	Objective	Strategy	# of LARGE DOTS
		Make better use of Government Pier	1
		Work to ensure that redevelopment tries to increase public access	6
		Prohibit use of lawn fertilizers	4
Protect working waterfront		Protect fishing industry	5
Protect marine resources		Kittery Port Authority should develop strategic plan	1
		Review existing Harbor Plan, Mooring Plan and Wood Island Plan	6
Town Governance and Public Facilities and Services			
Improve town governance and ability to plan		Increase transparency of decision-making	6
		Actively plan to protect the environment	3
		Hire and maintain a good Town Manager	1
		Increase and improve communication	2
Maintain and improve municipal facilities		Provide more activities for youth	1
		Improve school system and address issue of reputation	5
		Improve the Resource Recovery Center	1
Provide adequate municipal services		Residents need to be informed of infrastructure projects and related costs	2
OTHER			
Sewer		Relief for residents affected by sewer expansion; be more on top of sewer projects	1
Sustainability measures to protect the environment		Prepare for climate adaptation; renewable energy	2
Improve schools			1
Wetlands		Don't develop	1
Accountability for implementing the Comp Plan		Various strategies	6

BURNING QUESTIONS

The following are the majority responses to the questions , that is, those that received the largest number of dots and/or received large dots.

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Historic Properties: *How can we prevent the loss of historic buildings and landscapes while at the same time protecting individual property owners' rights?*

- Provide tax credits on real estate taxes for preserving old houses
- Make adaptive reuse the preference in Kittery – someone who wills to tear towns must give excellent reasons
- Encourage and support the Wood Island Restoration

Historic Properties: *What is the best way for the town to protect the Rice Library building from demolition or incompatible alteration, regardless of how it is used in the future?*

- Time for a 21st century new library – Rice Library Building can be used as an historic resource/discovery center
- Need critical 21st century handicap accessible green building at the Frisbee Common
- If library building becomes vacant, create a “Discovery Kittery” center like Portsmouth

Hunting: *How do we respect the rights of hunters to engage in their sport and simultaneously ensure the safety of all residents?*

- No hunting in our small town
- Limit hunting in public open space to specific days and post
- Shotgun only in all areas with hunting

Dogs on the Beach: *How do we strike a balance between the dog owner's desire to bring their dogs to the beach and the desire of others for clean and peaceful beaches?*

- Seapoint Beach – no dogs should be allowed in summer months
- Bags and waste receptacles should be made available at Fort Foster and Seapoint beach
- Disposal should be enforced by police and/or student intern at Fort Foster; raise the fine

Athletic Fields Master Plan: *Would you support implementing the recommendations of the Athletic Fields Master Plan even if it meant an increase in your taxes?*

- Yes, and I have no children!
- If there is clear communication about the cost to residents and other sources of funding (grants) have been vigorously pursued, then maybe.
- No and please let people know about increased taxes because of this
- Tennis courts at KCC

Mixed Use Zone (north of outlet malls): *What kind of development do you think is most appropriate for the future along the town's major commercial spine; specifically along Route 1 in the area from Haley Road to the York line?*

- Small industry
- Make it walk and bike friendly
- Allow residential over commercial
- Supermarket
- Support young entrepreneurs
- Small businesses, no big box

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Outlets: *What would you like to see in this area of town in the future as it evolves?*

- Theater, arts and marketplace
- Large park and mixed use zone with mixed income housing
- Artist spaces, apartments

Housing Diversity: *What should the Town do to support housing that is affordable to lower and middle-income households?*

- Develop co-housing for seniors and families
- Allow mother-in-law apartments to allow residents to age in place with help
- Make new affordable housing be net zero in terms of energy efficiency

What are the appropriate locations to encourage new housing development to support this goal?

- Route 1 Corridor, residential over commercial
- Route 1 malls should be mixed income housing with parks and supermarket
- No big ugly hotels with condos like what has happened in Portsmouth

Need for Parking: *Do you think there is a need for additional parking in the following parts of Town?*

- **Foreside:** Yes
- **Pepperell Cove:** No
- **Chauncy Creek Road:** No
- **Seapoint Beach :** No

Bike Facilities: *Where would you like to see the town provide accommodations for bicyclists including wide shoulders, shared lanes, bike lanes and separated paths?*

- Kittery Point 103
- Kittery Point – no ruin the character!
- To and from school for students to bicycle safely

Water Quality: *What actions should be taken to improve water quality in Kittery?*

- Prominent disregard to dog waste on Seapoint Beach
- Restrict development
- A study of the migration of pollutants from Portsmouth and Piscataqua River
- Pump out station for boats in Pepperell Cove
- Educate the public regarding use of fertilizers, pesticides and other contaminants

Public Access to Water: *Would you like to see additional access and associated parking for waterfront areas?*

- Only for residents
- Almost equal amount say YES as say NO (slightly more say NO)

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Area North of Spruce Creek: *Do you think this area should be further developed? In the previous Comprehensive Plan this was designated as “Limited No Growth” area. Does this still hold true? Should we consider increasing the lot size or other methods of density control?*

- *Limit Growth (majority)*
- *More development (business growth, affordable housing) (some comments)*

Future of the Library: *Where could/should the future library be located?*

- *Those wanting new library in other location and those wanting library to stay in existing location approximately equally divided.*

DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF PARTICIPANT INPUT

A detailed documentation of participant responses may be found in the pages that follow.

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GOAL 1.0 HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

GOAL STATEMENT: To protect the town's character by preserving and protecting historic features and promoting an awareness of the town's unique history.

STATE GOAL:

To preserve the State's historic and archaeological resources.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: PROTECT HISTORIC RESOURCES

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
Create a Kittery Historical Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Historical Commission is not required</i> <i>Historical Commission is needed</i> <i>Historic Commission -- YES!</i> <i>Historic Commission -- DITTO!</i> <i>Yes, important to organize a commission to inventory and educate the public</i> <i>Have been living in Kittery for 3 years and know nothing of any historical events or activities -- this is a problem</i> 	21	4
Establish historic districts to protect significant clusters of buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Important to preserve historical charm</i> 	12	0
Identify the diversity in building styles which currently make up Kittery's fabric and protect it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Conduct a town-wide survey of historic buildings and then add restrictions for their protection</i> <i>Do a survey of historic buildings in the Foreside and use to make planning decisions. (DITTO! on this comment) Preserve the historic library building and use it as a historical center/museum</i> 	6	1
Ensure that new development is in keeping with the context of the historic buildings in terms of architecture and scale		4	0

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² Participants were given 3 dots with which to prioritize across all goals. They were given one additional dot with which to emphasize one of their choices (therefore putting two on one item).

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OBJECTIVE 1.2 PROMOTE KITTERY'S HISTORY

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ³	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁴
Develop tourism around historic resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The town has done a TERRIBLE job of promoting its history in the past -- step this up!</i> <i>Instead of re-building Wood Island in a difficult spot to access, rebuild or move to Fort Foster; Kittery could recoup some expenses from Fort Foster fees</i> <i>No commercial ventures on Wood Island -- no tour boats -- no access from Fort Foster</i> <i>Preserve the Wood Island Life Saving Station; do not use for museum and/or concession</i> 	10	0
Expand the existing museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Move library to new location; use the Rice building for the Kittery Naval Museum</i> <i>Improve access and visibility of the museum</i> <i>Preserve the library and expand it its current location</i> 	7	1
Develop education and raise awareness regarding history and nature (e.g. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, Kittery Historical and Naval Museum, Kittery Land Trust, Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>[Place] teaching signs -- "this land had this use; look how regional life has changed"</i> <i>Put up a sign -- "this historic property... However, it is privately owned; please respect and appreciate it from the road or sidewalk"</i> <i>Broaden the definition of "historic"</i> <i>Broaden the definition of "historic;" not just Mark Wentworth's house; we want to preserve the ambiance Kittery as an old fishing town; don't just preserve individual homes</i> <i>Provide signage regarding historic buildings</i> 	3	0

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BURNING QUESTION: HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Several historic properties in Kittery have been demolished or significantly altered in the recent past.

How can we prevent the loss of historic buildings and landscapes while, at the same time, protecting individual property owners' rights?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁵	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁶
<i>Give a real estate tax abatement for historic preservation</i>	2	0
<i>Encourage and support the Wood Island Restoration</i>	6	0
<i>Wood Island is likely to be a large waste of \$\$ (it all goes away with one big storm)</i>	3	1
<i>Build a center on shore to showcase Wood Island history in place of having a shuttle to get people to the actual site</i>	2	0
<i>Create a historic district (through zoning) for Kittery Point</i>	1	0
<i>Revitalize the school house or corner of Cutts Island Lane</i>	0	0
<i>Inventory Kittery's resources to be used for planning</i>	0	0
<i>Provide tax relief to historic buildings -- the designation limits owners, so support them</i>	4	0
<i>Waste of \$\$ -- Wood Island</i>	0	0
<i>Provide tax credits on real estate taxes for preserving old houses</i>	6	1
<i>Make adaptive re-use the preference in Kittery -- someone who wills to tear down must give excellent reason</i>	6	1
<i>Document all properties older than 100 years and protect them like a historic district for individual houses</i>	1	0
<i>Create official historic districts</i>	0	0
<i>Promote incentives for preservation</i>	3	0
<i>Turn the town library into a museum</i>	0	0

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BURNING QUESTION: RICE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUIDLING

The Rice Public Library is housed in one of the most architecturally-significant library buildings in the State of Maine. It may or may not continue to be used as a library in the future.

What is the best way for the town to protect this building from demolition or incompatible alteration, regardless of how it is used in the future?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁷	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁸
<i>Expand current Rice Library -- sell annex to Town for parking -- do not relocate library to the KCC</i>	2	1
<i>Need a handicapped [accessible] building -- I know lots of family and friends who are unable to go to the library</i>	1	0
<i>Time for a 21st century new library -- Rice Library building can be used as an historic resource/discovery center</i>	12	7
<i>Keep the Rice Library building for the library</i>	1	0
<i>Need critical 21st century handicapped accessible green building at the Frisbee Common</i>	4	8
<i>Stay in the existing building; get federal funds for accessible addition -- stay downtown where the businesses are!</i>	1	
<i>Library should move into Kittery Community Center and old building turned into storefronts or more business locations</i>	0	1
<i>Make it an historic site/museum -- YES!</i>	1	0
<i>New handicapped-accessible library building near but NOT in Kittery Community Center, to house 35,000 volumes, discussion and reading areas, and parking</i>	3	1
<i>The town deserves a library that is handicapped-accessible, especially since the population is aging. Provide library on the Frisbee Common site that will serve the entire town</i>	3	0
<i>Leave library in place</i>	0	0
<i>If library building becomes vacant, create a "Discover Kittery" center like Portsmouth -- YES!</i>	12	0
<i>Library should relocate to Frisbee Common, which is NOT KCC property</i>	0	0
<i>Put a covenant on it, if sold.</i>	0	0
<i>Don't tear down library regardless of decision -- talk with publishers in Portsmouth/literacy center</i>	6	0
<i>Preserve the Rice Library building as a public place as a library and add onto it, like Newington did</i>	8	0
<i>A business who wants a picturesque address would like the library if it were updated with computer access.</i>	0	0
<i>Need modern library at Community Center -- redevelop the Rice Library</i>	2	0
<i>Whatever happens to library, preserve this building for the town -- love the youth idea of a museum space</i>	2	0
<i>Rice Library -- historic preservation</i>	2	0
<i>Consolidate the Naval Museum and Shipyard Museum here</i>	0	0
<i>Do not build a new library</i>	0	0
<i>Move [library] to Kittery Community Center extended wing</i>	0	0
<i>Keep library at Rice -- make it a town department -- renovate the building and make it accessible</i>	8	2

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GOAL 2.0 NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

GOAL STATEMENT: To protect Kittery's natural resources including water, agricultural forest resources, open space, and recreation.

STATE GOALS:

- To protect the State's other critical natural resources, including without limitation, wetlands, wildlife and fisheries habitat, sand dunes, shorelands, scenic vistas, and unique natural areas.
- To protect the quality and manage the quantity of the State's water resources, including lakes, aquifers, great ponds, estuaries, rivers, and coastal areas.
- To safeguard the State's agricultural and forest resources from development that threatens those resources.
- To promote and protect the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities for all Maine citizens, including access to surface waters.
- To encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community, while protecting the state's rural character, making efficient use of public services, and preventing development sprawl.

OBJECTIVE 2.1. PROTECT AND PRESERVE CRITICAL OPEN SPACES FOR PASSIVE RECREATION, VISUAL IMPACT AND PRESERVATION OF WILDLIFE HABITATS.

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
<i>Protect farmlands from over-development by having larger minimum lot sizes in the rural residential zone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider exceptions to lot size for low income, mixed income housing • Support land conservation • Keep area north of Spruce Creek as low-growth zone • Do not develop on or near wetlands as we have in the past -- we need open space!!! • Please protect existing wetlands!!! There is NO such thing as "manmade wetlands" (from Rte. 236) 	13	2
<i>Protect wildlife corridors and consider hunting ban in Town Forest (use non-lethal bird and deer control methods)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect to extent possible critical habitats and wildlife corridors • Allow planning board to align conservation open space on adjacent parcels 	3	3

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STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move wind turbine from transfer station to Pepperrell Cove or Wood Island 		
Review cluster zoning regulations and improve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cluster zoning small houses 	5	0

OBJECTIVE 2.2. INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ³	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁴
Enforce dog feces ordinance at Seapoint Beach and Fort Foster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control dogs at Fort Foster Enforcement of dog ordinance is too little; policy change is needed Use fees to build/maintain clean dog poop disposal 	11	0
Consider expanding season at Fort Foster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerts/events at Fort Foster (music, plays...) 	5	0
Implement recommendations of Athletic Fields Master Plan ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Athletic Fields Plan should be funded primarily through grants to minimize fiscal impact to residents Make sure the Athletic Fields Plan is "need" vs. "want" and re-evaluate as demographics change 	3	0
More playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground in downtown Kittery=more foot traffic in local stores Playground v. snow dump location at Rice Avenue and Water Street Volleyball? Badminton 	2	0
Increase awareness of existing resources and how to enjoy them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have definite times for hunting 	2	0
Address vandalism at John Paul Jones Park		1	0
Consider a dedicated dog park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog park a great idea In town dog regulation with "walking stickers" -- must have no cost permit/sticker to walk dog Out of town dog day pass for a fee, available online 	1	0

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STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ³	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁴
<i>Support Kittery Community Center's strategic plan for program expansion</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The KCC should NOT have carte blanche</i> 	0	0
<i>Give priority/preference to Kittery residents for use of boating, recreational fields and facilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Lower mooring fees for residents</i> 	0	0

OBJECTIVE 2.3. IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁶	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁷
<i>Begin by articulating Town-wide goals for energy efficiency</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Continue support of existing conservation organizations</i> <i>Carry in, carry out does not work -- have trash cans so people can dispose of litter</i> <i>Place more trash cans in public places</i> <i>Ban bottled water at public and government and school meetings</i> <i>Create energy committee</i> <i>Revive energy committee</i> <i>Convert street lights to LED lighting</i> <i>Save \$\$ -- replace town lights with LED</i> <i>Make sustainable practices a part of the Comp. Plan (see York's Comp. Plan)</i> <i>Mandate environmentally-conscious paving</i> <i>Recycle!!! (Outdoor trash bins, etc.)</i> <i>All of these are high priority...DITTO!</i> 	27	5
<i>Use renewable energy for all town buildings (e.g. solar)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mandate LEED Silver minimum on all projects</i> <i>Enact energy efficient measures in all buildings</i> <i>Push for solar power town-wide on all public buildings...DITTO!</i> <i>Provide incentives for solar and renewables (no permit fees?)</i> 	8	3
<i>Provide incentives to residents and businesses (e.g. tax credits) to encourage use of renewable energy sources</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Town incentives like tax credits on real estate taxes for solar installation</i> <i>...DITTO</i> 	8	1
<i>Determine sustainability requirements for new buildings and renovations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Consistency along shoreline building, remodels, etc.</i> 	5	5
<i>Prepare for climate change and sea level rise (e.g. Ensure adequate flood plain)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Start planning NOW for sea level rise! Let's start changing our usage and</i> 	5	2

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<i>infrastructure)</i>	<i>sources (solar + wind) energy</i>		
<i>Strengthen language in existing ordinances that protect the Town's natural resources and increase enforcement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Implement pay to throw</i> • <i>Every three years, pump out all septic systems on waterfront and along shoreline</i> 	4	2
<i>Regulate fertilizer run off</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ban fertilizer for lawns</i> 	3	0
<i>Collaborate with other towns for renewable and sustainable energy resources and technologies</i>		2	0
<i>Encourage the use of LED lighting and solar arrays</i>		1	2
<i>Clean up Spruce Creek to allow clamming and other activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forget Spruce Creek until Ports. new sewer plant</i> 	1	0
<i>Consider banning the use of plastic bags</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ban plastic bags</i> • <i>Enact plastic bag ban, like York and Portsmouth...DITTO!</i> • <i>I re-use my plastic bags</i> 	1	0
<i>Replant shoreline with native species</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Enforce shoreline protection along Kittery shores including Spruce Creek and Chauncey Creek</i> 	1	0
<i>Consider joining the New England Climate Adaptation Project (along with other Maine coastal towns)</i>		0	0

BURNING QUESTION: HUNTING

Did you know that you can hunt some type of animal every day of the year in Kittery, except Sunday? Reportedly several Kittery residents have heard bullets “whizzing by” them as they walked through the Town Forest.

How do we respect the rights of hunters to engage in their sport and simultaneously ensure the safety of all residents?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁸	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁹
<i>No hunting where hiking/walking is encouraged</i>	0	0
<i>Permit bow hunting on public lands</i>	1	0

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COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁸	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁹
<i>Limit hunting to control animal numbers (population)</i>	0	0
<i>Groundhogs?</i>	2	0
<i>Yes hunting -- deer are overpopulated</i>	0	0
<i>Shotgun and bow only</i>	3	1
<i>Post times - limit hunting</i>	0	0
<i>Allow hunting - have signage and publicity - deer population needs to be controlled</i>	3	0
<i>We need to provide places in town where people can hunt -- important for controlling deer population and for maintaining traditional uses of land in Maine</i>	0	0
<i>No hunting on public land -- Town Forest, etc. -- post hunting regulations -- many people don't know that there is no hunting in Maine on Sundays</i>	0	0
<i>Limit hunting to deer season on Town Farm</i>	0	0
<i>Limit hunting to specific weekdays so public can enjoy weekends</i>	0	0
<i>No hunting in our small town</i>	25	6
<i>No trapping for the safety and welfare of pets, young people, wild animals with whom we share our space</i>	1	0
<i>Have hunting "seasons"</i>	1	0
<i>I'm not a hunter -- but hunting/trapping are part of Maine culture -- a coexistence is needed</i>	0	0
<i>Let them hunt away from people friendly spaces -- perhaps allow private landowners to...</i>	0	0
<i>Shotgun only in all areas with hunting</i>	4	0
<i>Hunting should be preserved -- yes -- in the 21% undeveloped areas</i>	1	0
<i>Hunting keeps down Lyme disease -- shotgun only</i>	1	0
<i>Severely limit hunting and make sure all are informed to specific days and times -- eat what you hunt</i>	1	
<i>Publish hunting to inform citizens -- hunting is o.k.</i>	3	0
<i>Limit hunting in public open space to specific days and post</i>	4	2
<i>No hunting, but I am interested in how to [reduce] the deer population -- Lyme disease is epidemic and they have no predator</i>		
<i>The deer population is overrunning Kittery's forests -- we need more hunting</i>	3	0
<i>I am not a hunter but think people who like to hunt should be able to</i>	0	0
<i>Hunting seasons, clearly posted</i>	1	0
<i>No blinds, tree stands, traps</i>	1	0
<i>Limit hunting to specific day/time and make sure proper signage in place to convey that</i>	0	0
<i>Shot gun and bow only!!!</i>	0	0
<i>Limit days and times</i>	0	0
<i>Maybe town sponsored hunter safety classes -- no hunting in the Maine woods? -- sounds strange</i>	0	0

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BURNING QUESTION: DOGS ON THE BEACH

Reportedly many Kittery dog owners bring their dogs to the beach and some do not clean up after their pets. During summer months this is exacerbated because some beach-goers are also made uncomfortable when dogs are on the beach while people are swimming, sunbathing and/or picnicking.

How do we strike a balance between dog owners' desire to bring their dogs to the beaches and the desire of others for clean and peaceful beaches?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹⁰	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹¹
<i>Park revenue should not go into the general fund</i>	0	0
<i>Raise fine for leaving dog waste to \$100</i>	3	0
<i>Establish dog-walking hours -- provide doggie bags -- penalty(?) for not picking up</i>	1	0
<i>The public needs to be educated about the effects of dog waste -- "the tide will wash it out" is a lame excuse</i>	1	0
<i>Seapoint is a natural resource - migrating birds need sandy beaches like Seapoint to feed -- no dogs on the beach for fall-spring migration</i>	0	0
<i>Have special tag for dogs on Fort Foster and Seapoint</i>	0	0
<i>The environment must come first -- as a dog owner, even I feel people/dogs must adapt to protecting these areas -- we could have volunteer patrols to remind dog walkers they must clean up or lose access</i>	0	0
<i>The policeman who sits in his car reading the paper could ticket down owners who don't pick up -- I am a dog owner</i>	7	2
<i>Seapoint Beach -- no dogs should be allowed in summer months -- kids build sand castles during the day -- dogs piss on sand castles in the evening -- then kids play in the pissy sand the next day</i>	20	19
<i>Too many rules kill what's great about Kittery</i>	1	0
<i>No commercial "dog walkers" on Seapoint...DITTO</i>	1	0
<i>Dog waste pollutes: summer or winter, in the woods or on the trail -- bags should be available and responsibility not over until [owners] take bag home</i>	4	1
<i>Frequent trash cans available to throw away dog feces (in bags) -- volunteer committee could take responsibility to empty cans and bring to Resource Recovery House to hold trash</i>	0	0
<i>Separate cans for recyclable items (not dog feces) could also be in public areas where locals enjoy themselves -- volunteers could be responsible to empty</i>	0	0
<i>Beaches are for people -- Kittery needs a dog park</i>	1	0
<i>Enforce and figure out dog</i>	0	0
<i>Hire a student intern for the summer with \$\$ from Fort Foster gate receipts to be resource officer during the summer and in September</i>	4	0
<i>No dog park -- we need enforcement -- lots of it -- DITTO</i>	3	0
<i>Dog park! At beaches I see dogs off leash and scaring people and getting into fights with other dogs</i>	0	0
<i>More explicit signage at Seapoint regarding dogs (see Dogs Welcome signs on kiosk at Stratham Hill Park)</i>	0	0
<i>The restricted hours at Seapoint are working quite well overall -- I live on Cutts Island and am at the beach daily so I have a pretty good handle on things down there</i>	2	1

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<i>Train the owners -- fine the owners -- DITTO -- DITTO</i>	2	1
<i>No picking up dog feces by owner(s) should be a <u>criminal</u> offense -- it is among other things, a health hazard</i>	0	0
<i>Large fine for not picking up after dogs -- water receptacles need to be available at Fort McClary</i>	0	0
<i>Waste receptacles at Fort Foster and Seapoint for the poop bags</i>	3	1
<i>Limited hours and seasons when dogs can run -- enforcement!</i>	0	0
<i>Start a community clean-up project -- this brings people together and raises awareness</i>	0	0
<i>Dog park</i>	5	1
<i>Provide water at Seapoint</i>	0	0
<i>Roadways leading to beach and along water's edge littered with dog waste -- very unsanitary -- public health problem</i>	0	0
<i>Dog park yes! -- have been and have seen too many dog assaults on the beach</i>	1	1
<i>Provide fenced-off area for off-leash/off leads</i>	3	0
<i>Periodic enforcement of current regulations</i>	0	0
<i>Enforce leash laws when dogs are outside of Fort Foster and on private property</i>	2	0

BURNING QUESTION: ATHLETIC FIELDS

The Athletic Fields Master Plan identifies the need for more playing venues as well as a series of other recommendations to help maximize access and use of existing fields.

Would you support implementing the recommendations of the Athletic Fields Master Plan even if it meant an increase in your taxes?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹²	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹³
<i>More updated playgrounds near playing fields -- bike racks at fields</i>	2	0
<i>No to tax increase</i>	0	0
<i>This field (picture -- at KCC) is great -- are we going to put a library here?</i>	0	0
<i>Support the plan within reason -- no tennis court -- not \$9.0 million</i>	0	0
<i>Yes! (a grandparent)</i>	0	0
<i>Yes! And I have no children...DITTO</i>	4	1
<i>If there is clear communication about the costs to residents and other sources of funding (grants) have been vigorously pursued, then maybe</i>	3	1
<i>More "senior" softball or other activities will support growth and maintenance of athletic fields</i>	0	0
<i>Tennis courts used by too small a percentage of the population</i>	0	0
<i>Absolutely NOT -- want to decrease contact sports -- increase cognitive and intellectual activities</i>	2	
<i>NO -- currently my property tax is about 20% of my total income</i>	0	0
<i>Not without constraints -- for instance tennis courts are not a priority</i>	2	0
<i>Suggest more agricultural/vocational activities at the schools (greenhouses and gardens)</i>	2	0
<i>Yes!</i>	2	0
<i>What about the fields around the schools or buy up a farm field and develop</i>	3	0

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<i>Maximize what Kittery has</i>	0	0
<i>Tennis courts at Community Center or Emery Field</i>	5	0
<i>Start with upkeep and improve what we currently have and build additional if necessary</i>	0	0
<i>NO and please let people know about <u>increased taxes</u> because of this</i>	3	1
<i>No -- maintain what we have...DITTO</i>	0	0
<i>Kittery and Kittery kids need more</i>	2	0
<i>More facilities but not high end competition -- fix fields at old rec center first</i>	0	0
<i>More should be done to have playgrounds and recreation</i>	0	0
<i>Tennis courts at KCC</i>	4	0
<i>Reconcile seniors' opinions with the goal of bringing families to Kittery</i>	0	0
<i>No -- money should be built in to cover projected expansion and development</i>	2	0
<i>Need more crosswalks -- bike racks</i>	1	0

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GOAL 3.0 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GOAL STATEMENT: To support desirable economic development, reduce dependence on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and increase the Town's tax base while also providing local

STATE GOAL:

Promote an economic climate that increases job opportunities and overall economic wellbeing.

jobs.

OBJECTIVE 3.1: ATTRACT AND RETAIN BUSINESSES TO SUSTAIN THE VIBRANT CENTER AT FORESIDE THAT PROVIDES RESIDENTS WITH PLACES TO GO AND SPACES TO GATHER

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
Implement recommendations from the Foreside Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not overdevelop Foreside Stop talking about Foreside, 15 years of planning, we're all set Maintain character of Foreside, adaptive reuse Why so much focus on the Foreside? So dense and congested already 	9	2
Create an Overlay District for the Foreside District, which includes adaptive reuse regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insist on sustainability, promote incentives to new businesses Overlay for Foreside, include adaptive reuse regulations Emphasis maintaining Foreside character, ensure affordability, rentals, historic reuse 	6	9
Support local small businesses; provide incentives		4	2
Resolve the library renovation or new construction issue, if library relocates develop goals for the reuse of the two buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep library in Foreside Give Town control over the library Library in carehouse building can be used for parking if Town buys it Reuse as a welcome/discovery center for Kittery Rice building should have the library 	2	
Attract and support artists		1	
Make better use of the government dock at Foreside, consider establishing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No taxi to Portsmouth Silly idea 		

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a water taxi service to Portsmouth, also better connect the dock to the Foreside area			
Address parking issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Use existing spaces</i> • <i>No room for parking, park at Town Hall</i> • <i>Pick a place to park, then shuttle</i> • <i>Use parking lots we already have (St. Raphael's and York Hospital)</i> • <i>Use York Hospital</i> • <i>Use Hospital, library lots</i> • <i>Use existing parking</i> • <i>Use existing parking</i> 		
Consider converting the municipally-owned parking lot into a park			

OBJECTIVE 3.2 ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES TO THE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ³	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁴
Support efforts to provide services to the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Focus on other areas beside the Foreside, like Bypass, Route 1, Shapleigh Road</i> 	6	
Become more business-friendly by streamlining permitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stop putting restrictions on business areas</i> • <i>Develop office – shared spaces to rent monthly to attract more off-site workers in technology</i> 	3	1
Outreach to institutions of higher education and research facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Attract younger workers and higher paying jobs</i> • <i>Market business park on 236</i> 		

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**OBJECTIVE 3.3 IDENTIFY AND PROMOTE DESIRABLE LOCATIONS FOR
ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁵	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁶
Steer development to areas with available sewer and water and where other such development already exists (not rural areas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Pine Tree District to make tax complete with Pease</i> <i>Affordable housing near Cutts and Haley Roads to Foresides</i> <i>Plan for increased revenues in business park development, give relief to residents bordering that district</i> <i>Implement mitigation banking, allow development where desired and protect sensitive areas</i> 	11	2
Attract jobs that support lower income residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Encourage start up and technology</i> <i>Attract jobs for lower income folks with no car</i> <i>Affordable mass transit or no cost transit for low income workers</i> <i>More desirable with less restrictive environment to attract higher end businesses</i> 	9	2
Support the reuse of the Water District site to a mixed use development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Change the zoning</i> <i>Make water site open to mixed use</i> <i>Yes, we must use this site</i> <i>Don't develop on wetlands</i> <i>Affordable and workforce housing</i> 		

**OBJECTIVE 3.4 DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE REDEVELOPMENT OF
THE OUTLET MALLS INTO A MIXED-USE MORE PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED AREA**

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁷	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁸
Develop an overlay district with design guidelines for future redevelopment of the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Yes, beautiful area</i> <i>Mixed income housing</i> <i>Mixed income housing</i> <i>Mixed use and pedestrian/bike should be encouraged</i> <i>Mixed use</i> <i>Simplify zoning</i> <i>Encourage entrepreneurs</i> <i>Senior housing and services</i> <i>Redevelop this area but hard to give answer without knowing implications</i> 	21	1

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>and guidelines for overlay</i> <i>Bike and scooter paths with racks</i> 		

OBJECTIVE 3.5 CREATE JOBS FOR A VARIETY OF SKILL SETS AND RANGE OF SALARIES

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁹	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹⁰
Support those with J -1 Visas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Hire local students instead of J-1 visas</i> <i>Create dorm type living for summer workers</i> <i>Make flex housing possible for J-1 workers</i> 		

OBJECTIVE 3.6 PROMOTE KITTERY AS A GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE POPULATION AND THEREFORE THE MARKET TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹²
Develop materials promoting Kittery's assets and quality of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promote PBL. Students will finally be allowed to show what they know through different methods and will be responsible for learning with lots of support</i> <i>Enforce speed limits</i> <i>Seasonal water taxi from Wood Island, Pepperrell Cove, culture piers, Badgers, etc</i> <i>Start foreign language in schools</i> <i>Not Necessary</i> <i>Schools are great, but under common core teachers and students suffer</i> <i>Improve schools so young families do not move away</i> <i>Why promote?</i> <i>Invest in the schools first, and the families will follow</i> <i>Make the schools the best</i> <i>Rethink new current grading system and</i> 	28	7

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STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹²
	<i>common core</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide best education</i> • <i>Treat all school employees with more respect</i> • <i>Look at what other progressive towns are doing</i> • <i>Google fiber or other internet options in town</i> • <i>Publicize the great schools</i> • <i>Develop intergenerational activities to add connections for students and residents</i> 		

OBJECTIVE 3.4 SUPPORT THE FISHING INDUSTRY

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹³	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹⁴
Include fishermen in the conversation regarding what they need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Give fishermen priority since they keep our economy this character alive</i> • <i>More public facilities on waterfront of Pepperrell Cove</i> • <i>Have dock fish market</i> • <i>Deregulation and freedom for the locals to fish responsibly</i> • <i>Shipyard is not positive</i> 	11	

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BURNING QUESTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: MIXED USE ZONE

The Mixed Use Zone north of the outlet malls has not seen much development in the last ten years. The Sarah Long Bridge will bring new opportunities and challenges to the Route 1 Corridor.

What kind of development do you think is most appropriate for the future along the town's major commercial spine; specifically along Route 1 in the area from Haley Road to the York line?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹⁵	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹⁶
<i>Leave the bypass at 4 lanes to aid businesses</i>		
<i>Small industry – Kittery label products in the shadow of Stonewall Kitchen</i>	1	1
<i>Make it walk and bike friendly. People will use it if you make it safe.</i>	12	
<i>Allow residential over commercial</i>	10	4
<i>Supermarket</i>	4	1
<i>Yes, we need a local market, a small "supermarket"</i>		
<i>Small industrial and small commercial, affordable housing, bike friendly, bus routes</i>	2	
<i>Support young entrepreneurs. They are looking for opportunities at lower cost than Portsmouth and Portland</i>	1	1
<i>Make it more visually pleasing, not very attractive now</i>		
<i>Hydroponic farm, Business Incubator, Light industry for disadvantaged</i>	2	
<i>Supermarket</i>		
<i>Small business park(s)</i>		
<i>Supermarket on Route 1</i>		
<i>Youth center</i>	3	
<i>Small Businesses</i>	1	1
<i>Youth Center</i>		
<i>Mixed Use</i>		1
<i>Supermarket, but not WalMart</i>	1	
<i>Artist studios and living space with low rents</i>	2	
<i>Mixed Use</i>		
<i>No big box stores</i>	6	2
<i>Preserve and create affordable temporary housing</i>		
<i>Hodge-podge development is inconsistent and ugly</i>	1	
<i>Foreside is over developed</i>		1
<i>Make space, year round farmer's market</i>	2	
<i>Speed bumps, bike lanes, sidewalks, shade trees</i>	1	
<i>Non-profit businesses</i>	2	
<i>Do not develop on or near wetlands like Kittery has done in the past</i>	1	

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BURNING QUESTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: OUTLETS

The rise of on-line shopping and the development of other regional outlets have resulted in a decrease in demand for the Kittery shops; thirteen stores closed just last year. The buildings are also reaching the end of their life cycle.

What would you like to see in this area of town in the future as it evolves?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹⁷	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹⁸
<i>Affordable housing, parking for a shuttle</i>	3	
<i>Corporate center focused on internet services</i>	1	
<i>More local flavor businesses for outlet areas. Housing for 30-40 year old single folk</i>	2	
<i>Rezone for apartments and condos</i>		
<i>Space for artists</i>		
<i>Cluster housing, low income homeownership</i>		
<i>Parks. Look at what other towns/cities have done with similar opportunities</i>		
<i>Elevated rail, monorail from mall to Foreside to housing by Cutts and Haley Roads</i>		
<i>Park for kids</i>		
<i>Get rid of outlets and make into affordable housing, or school/university, or park, or anything that isn't a mall</i>		
<i>Low income housing</i>		
<i>Parking with shuttles to Foreside/Route 1</i>		
<i>Such beautiful maker space, Launching area for small boats, green space</i>		
<i>Land is gorgeous, preserve and make parks with parking and science center</i>		
<i>Whatever you do, improve environment and run off into Spruce Creek</i>		
<i>Middle income mixed use housing</i>	1	
<i>Artist spaces, apartments</i>	6	
<i>Would be great area for theater, arts, market place</i>	2	6
<i>How about open space, large park by the river</i>		
<i>Large park and mixed use zone with mixed income housing</i>	2	1
<i>Micro units and small houses for the workforce</i>	2	
<i>Chance to mixed use above the malls</i>	4	
<i>Walk, bike access to water</i>	4	
<i>Mixed use sustainable space, co work space, affordable housing, shopping</i>	2	
<i>Artist space, green space, dog parks, low income housing, youth center, conference center</i>	2	
<i>Youth Center</i>	1	
<i>Artist housing and studio space</i>	1	
<i>Study of use of old malls in other communities, then do a comprehensive plan – not piece meal</i>	1	
<i>Create a walking trail along Spruce Creek behind the malls with storm water management in parking lots, more mixed use at the malls</i>	1	

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GOAL 4.0 HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS

GOAL STATEMENT: To provide a range of housing types to meet the needs of individuals throughout their lifecycle and to support residents with a diversity of incomes.

STATE GOAL:

To encourage and promote affordable, decent housing opportunities for all Maine citizens.

OBJECTIVE 4.1: ATTRACT YOUNG FAMILIES AND RETAIN RESIDENTS WITH A VARIETY OF INCOMES

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
Develop an affordable housing plan with strategies to achieve affordable housing goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>More mixed use, accessible and walkable</i> • <i>Change areas in mall area to affordable housing</i> • <i>Property management of resources allowing occupancy of the "older homes" to renovate and renew the classic charm of Kittery</i> • <i>Develop energy efficiency program for homes</i> • <i>Assessed values updated as houses sell</i> • <i>Require developers and employers to contribute to workforce housing</i> • <i>Allow more concentrated use of existing housing</i> • <i>Workforce housing that is affordable</i> • <i>Integrate housing options</i> • <i>Senior citizen villages</i> • <i>Micro housing</i> • <i>Co-housing opportunities</i> • <i>PR for schools and recreation that attracts families and new business</i> • <i>Make sure affordable housing for low income and elderly are mandated to use solar and heat pumps</i> • <i>Keep taxes lower</i> • <i>Prioritize rentals over AirBnB</i> • <i>Develop and implement</i> • <i>Sustainable communities</i> • <i>Light rail from Kittery Foreside to housing out by Cutts and Haley Road.</i> 	56	7

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STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Small cluster housing affordable community gardens</i> 		

OBJECTIVE 4.2 SUPPORT ELDERLY RESIDENTS ABILITY TO AGE IN PLACE

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ³	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁴
Review accessory units bylaw and make it easier to use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Develop a Beacon Hill-type village.</i> 	26	0
Support the development of housing for seniors including Assisted living facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Support Foreside zoning change to allow moderate development</i> <i>Encourage further moderate income independent living with neighborhood network addition</i> <i>Develop co-housing</i> <i>Make affordable housing available to the elderly so the growing elderly population will have possible caregivers and jobs will be available</i> <i>Yes to a local council on aging</i> <i>Support development of assisted living for low-income</i> <i>Create a housing authority to oversee housing development</i> <i>Yes to a local Council on Aging</i> <i>Elevate monorail from housing to Foreside</i> 	14	1

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BURNING QUESTION: HOUSING DIVERSITY

Housing prices, both ownership and rental, have been steadily increasing over time. The rise in cost is squeezing the lower- and middle-income households in Kittery and creating challenges with housing affordability.

What should the Town do to support housing that is affordable to lower and middle-income households?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁵	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁶
<i>Encourage/mandate enforcement of accessibility</i>	2	
<i>Provide builder permit credits to build more starter homes</i>		
<i>Increase multi-unit dwellings along Route 1</i>		
<i>Change the zoning</i>		
<i>Low-income housing</i>		
<i>Create effective density requirements</i>		
<i>Talk to our reps to re-establish tax rebates/exemptions (circuit breaker program)</i>	1	
<i>Small houses</i>	1	
<i>Allow mother-in-law apartments to allow residents to age in place with help</i>	6	
<i>Consider rent control</i>		
<i>New area for tiny homes</i>		
<i>Encourage creative reuse of existing housing</i>		
<i>Develop co-housing for seniors and families</i>	4	2
<i>Make new affordable housing be net zero in terms of energy efficiency</i>	5	
<i>Change zoning to outlets to include residential for assisted living or other housing</i>	3	
<i>Create a cluster housing zone which has mixed use</i>		
<i>Housing and studios for artists and craftsmen since they revitalize a community</i>	3	
<i>Small, clustered housing for seniors and young people</i>	4	
<i>Starting co-op housing initiatives</i>	2	
<i>Mother-in-law apartments would benefit older population</i>	3	
<i>Allow more small houses on existing property</i>		
<i>Preserve the original homes that originally made Kittery what we know today</i>	2	
<i>Housing for families with a play area built around a green, community areas, not just rows of single houses</i>	2	

Where are the appropriate locations to encourage new housing development to support this goal?

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COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁷	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁸
<i>Mall areas redeveloped for new neighborhoods</i>	3	
<i>Route 1 in Foreside</i>		
<i>Route 1 – repurpose some of mall space</i>		
<i>Water District property</i>		
<i>Route 1 Mall should be mixed income housing with parks and supermarket</i>	11	
<i>Require homes that are a certain size to be better insulated, closer to net zero</i>	4	
<i>Route 1 Corridor, residential over commercial</i>	10	4
<i>What is Kittery's definition of affordable?</i>		
<i>No big, ugly hotels with condos like what has happened in Portsmouth</i>	6	1
<i>Create mixed use zoning along Route 236 and Route 1 corridor so affordable housing can go where people don't need 2 cars to get to the shipyard, etc.</i>	5	1
<i>Change zoning – mixed use on Routes 236 and 1</i>	1	
<i>More affordable homes and housing</i>	3	

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GOAL 5.0 TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION

GOAL STATEMENT: To improve safety and ease of getting around Town and better connect the “pieces” of Kittery. Provide safe and pleasant alternatives to automobile travel with safe and pleasant bike and walking paths.

STATE GOAL:

To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

OBJECTIVE 5.1: ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY AND CONGESTION

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
Shipyards traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stagger traffic leaving shipyard Develop teleworking and flexible/alternate schedules for workers Have police enforce speed limits for Navy Shipyard traffic Add traffic lights at Navy Shipyard entrances Better traffic light at Gate 1, requires a turning signal arrow Navy Shipyard should pay for traffic officers at traffic circle and at Rt. 236 Provide shuttle buses and park-and-ride lot for Shipyard traffic 	22	5
Improvements on Walker Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make Walker Street and Government Street a one-way pair The traffic light at Walker Street /Rt. 103 is too long for Navy Shipyard traffic Southbound and eastbound traffic needs a left-turn light onto Rt. 103 from Walker Street (next to Wallingford Square, ext to Navy Shipyard gate) 	1	0
Maintenance and Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't maintain the roads we have – why?, to keep our tax rate at an arbitrary level? Street Calming needed – try paint, Love Lane Repave Piccott Road 	13	0
Various Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage at Rt. 103 Pocahontas Road to 	2	0

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	<i>direct people to Seapoint and Fort Foster</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Crosswalk at Stimson Street/Rt. 1 allows motorists to turn and they do not observe pedestrian right of way</i> <i>Martin Road is an area for more development, but very concerned about more traffic</i> <i>Crosswalk and lights, Warrens to Rice Avenue</i> <i>Don't use plow trucks on sidewalks, plow trucks tear up walkways</i> <i>Eliminate signs in middle of streets</i> <i>Paint "Share the Road" markings on streets</i> <i>Traffic light at Shapleigh Road and Dion Avenue</i> <i>Transportation for all of Kittery Rt. 236 near Eliot</i> <i>When developing more roads please consider wetlands</i> <i>Need one-way traffic through Foreside</i> 		
Prohibit Idling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No comments</i> 	0	0
Pass and enforce "No excessive Noise Ordinance"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No comments</i> 	0	0

OBJECTIVE 5.2 MAKE WALKING AND BIKING SAFE AND PLEASANT

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ³	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁴
Provide and develop sidewalks, walking trails and bike paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Make walking and biking safe everywhere</i> <i>Connect sidewalks between Kittery and Kittery Point</i> <i>Make Kittery, Kittery Point, Gerrish Island a walking/biking town</i> <i>Provide wide safe sidewalks throughout Kittery including Foreside to Kittery Village center to Town Hall, State Road</i> <i>Provide bike lanes from Foreside to Memorial Bridge and McClary and Foster parks</i> <i>Improve sidewalk lighting and walking between neighborhoods</i> 	22	6

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Create new bike paths</i> 		
Consider closing portions of RT. 103 on Sundays to traffic except for residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What?</i> • <i>To the beach?</i> • <i>Closing Rt. 103 is nuts, people have to get to businesses at Kittery Point and Fort Foster</i> • <i>Don't close Rt. 103 without a relevant predetermined use for the majority in Kittery</i> • <i>Don't close portions of Rt. 103 on Sunday</i> • <i>No Way!</i> 	0	0
Prioritize construction of sidewalks around schools and town-owned facilities, connect key destinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No comments</i> 	2	0

OBJECTIVE 7.3 EXPLORE WAYS OF PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁵	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁶
Consider providing town-wide shuttle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Yes for town-wide shuttle and include stop to connect to other towns, Portsmouth</i> • <i>Public transit on Rt. 236</i> • <i>Partner with Coast to extend routes in Kittery and provide weekend service</i> • <i>Inexpensive public transportation on the main routes, RT. 1, 103, 236</i> • <i>Elevated monorail</i> • <i>Shuttle bus for Navy Shipyard workers</i> 	19	2
Consider town regulations for Uber and other car sharing services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Need charging stations for electric cars</i> 	1	1
Consider bike taxis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bike rental units pick-up and drop-off areas (Boston, Montreal really great service)</i> 	1	0
Consider boat taxis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Boat taxis to Portsmouth and beaches, parks would be beneficial</i> • <i>No boat taxis</i> 	3 0	2 0
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Commercialize Wood Island -bad idea</i> • <i>Bypass is negative , need access to Old Post Road</i> • <i>Give Cats rights back</i> 	1	0

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OBJECTIVE 7.4 EXPLORE WAYS OF INCREASING PARKING OPTIONS

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁷	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁸
Develop a town-wide Parking Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No comments</i> 	8	1
Consider establishing a centrally located parking area with trolleys/shuttle buses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Don't increase # of parking lots, don't encourage walking/biking from ports</i> <i>Consider Community Circle Church parking /shuttle service in Portsmouth</i> <i>Rice Library parking?</i> <i>Satellite parking for Navy Shipyard on Rt. 236</i> <i>Do not create more parking lots – blot the land, create shuttle buses</i> 	5	0
Consider relocating EMS to Fire Station and uses space for parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No comments</i> 	4	0
Increase cooperation between businesses and the Town regarding parking, shared parking opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>No comments</i> 	2	0
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Cover parking areas with carports that have solar panels and charging stations</i> <i>Existing parking spaces should all be striped parking spaces</i> 	0	2

BURNING QUESTION: TRANSIT

The Kittery Community Center has vans used for field trips for seniors and also owns a small bus for adult trips (18 year+). There used to be a shuttle bus service that operated on Route 103 that hasn't operated for a few years now. Some residents have asked for more public transportation opportunities for teens, seniors and others wanting an alternative to automobile travel.

Would you like to see a public shuttle bus service in Kittery?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁹	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹⁰
YES	11 ¹¹	0
<i>Light rail or monorail</i>	2	0
<i>Electric buses or trolleys</i>	5	2
<i>Bike racks on buses</i>	3	0

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<i>Weekend schedule</i>	0	0
<i>Promote coast route</i>	0	0
<i>No cost ridership for low income residents</i>	0	0
<i>Fixed schedule covering school hours</i>	0	0
<i>Routes serving Routes 1 and 103</i>	1	1
NO	0	0

BURNING QUESTION: NEED FOR PARKING

As areas become more popular, some people have noted a need for more parking in various locations in Kittery.

Do you think there is a need for additional parking in the following parts of town?

COMMENTS	# OF "YES" DOTS & CHECKS ¹²	# OF "NO" DOTS & CHECKS ¹³
FORESIDE	6 ¹⁴	0 ¹⁵
<i>Stripe parking spaces, no</i>	2	0
<i>Parking signs at Rice Library should clearly make allowance for after hours parking</i>	0	0
<i>Better Lighting</i>		
<i>Create centralized parking area and jitney</i>	1	0
<i>Light Rail from gas station (which was former railroad) to a parking area, tourist rail</i>	3	
<i>Develop Comprehensive Plan to use parking space at library, York Clinic and other commercial buildings for night time parking.</i>	0	0
<i>Reduce parking requirements for commercial and add a public fee lot</i>	0	0
<i>More handicap spaces</i>	0	0
PEPPERREL COVE	3 (includes 2 large dots)	0 ¹⁶
<i>There would be easy parking opposite Frisbee's, negotiate with AI</i>	0	0
CHAUNCY CRREK ROAD	0	0 ¹⁷
<i>Let parking be limiting factor. Don't just add parking so that commuting? is the priority</i>	0	0

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¹⁴ In addition to the dots, there were 5 YES check marks.

¹⁵ There were 4 NO check marks.

¹⁶ There were 10 NO check marks.

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SEAPOINT BEACH	3 (includes 1 large dot)	13 ¹⁸ (includes 2 large dots)
<i>Signage pollution at Seapoint, have one sign or kiosk</i>	3	
<i>Make more parking available for non-residents</i>	0	0
<i>Yes, sorry this resource should be shared</i>	1	0
<i>Absolutely not, beach ecosystem cannot handle more people</i>	0	2
OTHER		
<i>Better lighting down to Kittery, York Health parking lot</i>	0	0
<i>Kittery Water Dist (KWD). Building redeveloped, KWD pays little taxes, great affordable housing site</i>	4 (includes 2 large dots)	0
<i>People are a little too used to be able to park right where they are going. People can walk a few blocks. That would open up more possibilities for parking.</i>	0	0
<i>Use old fire station/ambulance facility for a parking garage.</i>	0	0

BURNING QUESTION: BIKE FACILITIES

We have heard from many residents that they would like improved and increased opportunities for bicycling.

Where would you most like to see the town provide accommodations for bicyclists including wide shoulders, shared lanes, bike lanes and separated paths?

COMMENTS	#DOTS ¹⁹	# LARGE DOTS ²⁰
ROUTE 103		
<i>Kittery Point 103</i>	16	7
<i>Kittery Point and Route to Fort Foster & McClary & Seaport</i>	0	0
<i>Route 103 (not Kittery Point)</i>	2	
<i>Route 103 - Bike lanes would help preserve the character. Right now it's too dangerous! Sidewalks would help too.</i>	3	0
<i>Kittery Point – No!! Ruin the character</i>	2	2
<i>Share the signs on 103, 236 & Haley Road</i>	0	0
<i>Bike paths on 103 & Pepperell Road</i>	1	0
<i>Route 103, Rogers Road, Sidewalk on 103</i>	1	0
<i>Route 103 bike lane; Haley Road bike lane</i>	0	1
ROUTE 236		
<i>Route 236</i>	3	0

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<i>Route 236 needs help. Too much traffic that does not move.. stagger workers time</i>	0	0
<i>Route 236 & 103 & Haley Road & Kittery Point</i>	1	0
FORESIDE		
<i>Foreside (2 general comments)</i>	0	0
TRAFFIC CIRCLE	0	0
<i>Traffic Circle (2 general comments)</i>	0	0
BYPASS		
<i>If you build it they will come</i>	0	0
PEPPERELL ROAD		
<i>Bike paths on Pepperell Road</i>	0	0
OTHER		
<i>Rogers Road</i>	2	0
<i>Wilson Road (Route 101)</i>	0	0
<i>Dennett Road</i>	1	0
<i>Haley Road</i>	2	0
<i>Route 1</i>	0	0
<i>Bike Racks</i>	0	0
<i>Bicycles respect cars</i>	0	0
<i>Better protected walking routes</i>	0	0
<i>Bike speed & Guideline for use of bike paths (not just for racing bikes), walking + biking</i>	0	0
<i>Yes; Bike lane - yes</i>	2	0
<i>Enforce speed limits! Especially Pocahontas, Haley Road</i>	0	0
<i>Bike accommodations are a natural probably too "progressive" for our TC</i>	0	0
<i>To/From schools so students can bike safely</i>	5	1
<i>Roads just got repaved (103, Crockett Neck Road). Create even more of an uneven surface & less shoulder. We need a vision every time repaving occurs.</i>	0	0
<i>Bike renting (income) and bike trails. This will better connect the community in a healthier more proactive way.</i>	1	0
<i>Create a bike/pedestrian lane along Pocahontas out to Fort Foster to slow traffic – that road is too wide & encourages speeding</i>	2	0
<i>We have heard from many residents that they would like improved and increased opportunities for bicycling.</i>	3	0

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OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES COMMENTS

Comments for challenges and opportunities regarding transportation and circulation were provided by the public on the large comment board during the Public Forum.

COMMENTS	#DOTS ²¹	# LARGE DOTS ²²
OPPORTUNITIES		
<i>Safe walkways to school programs</i>	2	2
<i>Light rail for tourists tours or tourists trolley?</i>	0	0
<i>Connectivity for walking in mall area</i>	0	0
<i>Walking trails connecting different points of Kittery</i>	8	0
<i>Connectivity of popular walking areas</i>	1	0
<i>Top 3: walking trails, EPA question; and Share the Road sign</i>	0	0
CHALLENGES		
<i>Share the Road signs for bike/ped</i>	7	0
<i>Bike lanes on Rt. 236</i>	0	0
<i>Light Rail for Tourists to Ride & SY get to SY</i>	1	0
<i>Sidewalks</i>	2	0
<i>New Signal at Rt1B/Bridge; St. Creates Lurs; queues & congestion</i>	0	0

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GOAL 6.0 MARINE RESOURCES

GOAL STATEMENT: To protect the Town's coastline, the working waterfront, and increase access and enjoyment of the water while protecting it from environmental impacts.

OBJECTIVE 6.1: increase access to the waterfront

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS	# OF RED DOTS
Provide water shuttle to Portsmouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Water shuttle is a great idea</i> <i>Water taxi service to benefit Kittery to bring people in</i> 	10	5
Protect/preserve views to the water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Limit fence height to protect water views</i> 	5	1
Work to ensure that redevelopment of waterfront property tries to increase public access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Develop maritime/sea creature explanatory information sites along the coastline, involve university and aquarium</i> 	3	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Kittery has many places for public access for residents—don't increase this</i> 	3	1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Protect public access right-of-way</i> 	4	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Build a bathroom at Seapoint Beach</i> 	1	1
Mitigate pollutants to ensure water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Prohibit use of lawn fertilize when runoff goes to ocean or estuaries</i> <i>Nonpoint runoff a problem—need mitigation</i> 	7	4
Make better use of the Government Street Pier and better connect it to the Foreside area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Make better public of Gov't dock at Foreside</i> <i>Increased commercialization of Kittery's waterfront areas is a slippery slope to environmental disaster</i> 	3	1
Give residents preference for mooring fees/access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	1	1
Increase number of boat ramps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		

OBJECTIVE 6.2 PROTECT WORKING WATERFRONT

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS	# OF LARGE DOTS
Protect fishing industry—Mitigate environmental impacts of tourism and recreation on water quality and sea life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Include fishermen in any renovation of town docks</i> • <i>Fishermen are the soul of the port. Let the rest of us adapt to their needs</i> • <i>Support working waterfront</i> • <i>Protect fishermen's easy access to the water</i> 	1 4 5 2	1 2 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Raise mooring fees by set % over local fees and leave Federal Maintenance Program (ed. The FMP prohibits preferential mooring costs for local residents)</i> • <i>Police the mooring system-many moorings are rented and not turned back in so that others have a chance to move up the list</i> • <i>Resident preference for mooring fees should be by feet, with no minimum</i> • <i>We need a more equitable system of giving out moorings. Can't we increase the number? More demand than availability. Priority to Kittery residents!</i> • <i>Need Chauncey Creek Watershed Committee</i> 	1 1 2 1	

OBJECTIVE 6.3 PROTECT MARINE RESOURCES

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS	# OF LARGE DOTS
Review existing Harbor Plan, Mooring Plan, and Wood Island Plan (5 dots, 1 red one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wood Island plan has <u>been</u> reviewed repeatedly—Let it go forward!</i> • <i>Restore Wood Island-Do Not use as museum and/or concession souvenir shop</i> • <i>Enforce existing regulations</i> • <i>Need annual fishing boat parade and blessing</i> • <i>Reduce over-regulating natural resources</i> • <i>Limit public access to promote natural resources</i> 	<p>12</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1</p>
Kittery Port Authority should develop a strategic plan for the Town's Marine Resources (8 dots, 4 red ones)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify interface of Kittery Port Authority (KPA) and Planning Board • We need to plan for sea level rise 	<p>1</p> <p>3</p>	<p>1</p>

BURNING QUESTION: WATER QUALITY

Water quality in places such as Spruce Creek is affected by point and non-point pollution (surface runoff), which has led to restrictions on shell fishing. Increased development in the Spruce Creek watershed may lead to further reductions in water quality.

What actions should be taken to improve water quality in Kittery?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS	# OF RED DOTS
<i>Prominent disregard to dog waster on Seapoint Beach</i>	26	9
<i>Require advanced pre-treatment on septic systems</i>	6	3
<i>Pump out station for boats in Pepperrell Cove</i>	8	2
<i>Restrict development</i>	10	3
<i>A study of the migration of pollutants from Portsmouth and Piscataqua River</i>	7	1
<i>Educate the public regarding the use of fertilizer, pesticides, and other contaminants</i>	4	3
<i>Continue funding grants to protect Spruce Creek</i>	3	2
<i>Regulate pesticides—require organic!</i>	2	2
<i>Incentives for re-use and development of existing facilities instead of more development</i>	2	1
<i>Maintain a database of pumping of septic tanks.</i>	2	1
<i>Water quality is first priority. Dog waste needs to take 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4TH priority—this from a dog owner</i>		
<i>Water quality evaluated in more locations and actions plans to keep community safe</i>	1	1
<i>Use York, ME's sewage pump out as an example o</i>		
<i>Fix Pierce Island wastewater treatment plant 1st! Send message to Portsmouth-no more sewage overboard.</i>		
<i>Sue Portsmouth to stop pouring raw sewage into the river, effecting Kittery beaches and property</i>	1	
<i>Continue Spruce Creek work but recognize that Portsmouth's lack of treatment is largely to blame</i>		
<i>Give tax incentives for decreased impervious coverage. Keep planting natives species. Support Spruce Creek Association.</i>		
OTHER		

BURNING QUESTION: PUBLIC ACCESS TO WATER

While there are numerous locations for public access to launch kayaks and small craft, there are shortages of parking in many of these locations. Would you like to see additional access and associate parking for waterfront areas?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS	# OF LARGE DOTS
YES	5	1
<i>Parking lot across from Frisbee's needs to be protected/kept as available parking owned by Town</i>		
<i>There could be a map so people know where to launch kayaks and other small boats</i>		
<i>Fort Foster near Roberts Grill and Outlets</i>		
<i>Need additional access for parking on all public waterfront areas</i>		
<i>Only for residents</i>	4	2
<i>Develop better public access at Town Wharf (Government Street Pier) in Foreside</i>	3	
<i>Absolutely</i>		
NO	7	1
<i>No more additional access-How about Fort Foster?</i>		
<i>Not from residential areas</i>		
<i>Town dock in Foreside accessible to recreational boating</i>	3	1
OTHER COMMENTS		
<i>Stop raising boating fees/no more water use tax</i>		
<i>Encourage more use of Traip Academy lot, and buy Frisbee's lot for town parking</i>	4	2
<i>Free kayak launching for residents at Pepperrell Cove</i>	1	

BURNING QUESTION: COMMERCIAL FISHING FLEET

Although reduced in size from previous levels, there is a significant commercial fishing fleet operating in Kittery. In many coastal communities, working ports are under redevelopment pressure.

Do you think the working waterfront in Kittery is facing redevelopment pressure? If yes, what measures would you support for its preservation?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS	# OF LARGE DOTS
YES		
<i>Fishermen should get priority</i>	11	4
<i>Don't let gentrification force out existing marine economic activities, fishing, etc.</i>	5	3
<i>Support our fishermen! They provide our food, character, local economy</i>	3	0
<i>Work on a comprehensive plan to keep waterfront safe, clean, and friendly to working fishermen</i>	4	1
<i>Don't know if there is pressure, but waterfront has to be protected</i>	1	1
<i>Zoning? No development, only docks?</i>	1	1
<i>Harbor needs a Comprehensive Plan input area. Currently only Town Hall and Rec.</i>	3	1
<i>Kittery has a responsibility to protect the working waterfront. Never want to lose them.</i>	3	1
<i>Improve infrastructure for fishermen</i>	1	1
<i>Absolutely needs to be supported-some use must be protected for fishing</i>	1	1
NO		
<i>(none)</i>		
OTHER COMMENTS		
<i>Buy Frisbee's Market Restaurant and parking area</i>	4	0

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GOAL 7.0 TOWN GOVERNANCE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

GOAL STATEMENT: To improve town governance and provide adequate municipal facilities and services.

STATE GOAL:

To plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities to accommodate anticipated growth and economic development.

OBJECTIVE 7.1: IMPROVE TOWN GOVERNANCE AND ABILITY TO PLAN

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
Increase transparency of decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>I don't think this current council is transparent at all</i> <i>More transparency in government and less crony-ism. Residents need to have more input</i> <i>The Town government should be impartial and not voting members of Town Boards</i> <i>Reorganize Town Government to be more accountable and communication</i> 	30	6
Actively plan to protect the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Plan for climate change and sea level rise</i> <i>Promote regional sustainability</i> <i>Be a leader in "green policies" as a standard for every town service</i> <i>Include the Sustainability Committee as part of the Comp Plan</i> <i>Revive the Energy Committee</i> <i>Replace H.P. Sodium Street lights with LED</i> 	20	3
Establish town planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Build consensus around shared vision and make visible efforts to implement it</i> <i>Be proactive, open and inclusive</i> <i>Involve youth</i> <i>Develop benchmarks for the Comprehensive Plan</i> <i>Promote Community Engagement happening in the schools</i> <i>Hold Town Council accountable</i> 	15	
Hire and maintain good town manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Pay competitive salary for Town manager and other employees</i> 	13	1

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STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconsider the Town Manager system 		
Streamline permitting and simplify zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a simple "how to" manual Simply zones, currently there are too many; unfair to some 	5	
Increase and improve communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve internet access Use Channel 22 to provide "newscast" type of updates: upcoming meetings, results of past meetings (would get info to those housebound and without internet) Yes! Notification by mail with tax bill , otherwise when developing adjacent land NOTIFICATION PLEASE! Better website (fewer PDFs, more process description) Need newspaper Create an on-line presence similar to "Our Kittery"; factual narrative and informative Answer the telephones Employ respectful tone in public discourse 	4	2
Consider hiring full-time professional grant writer to capture available funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have grant writer in Public Works 	2	

OBJECTIVE 7.2 MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ³	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁴
Provide more activities for youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A type of teen hang out spot, e.g. Ping Pong, video games, food and drinks, movie night Increase use of KCC for teen programming Develop a teen Advisory Board to develop programs, promote and recruit users Add a teen center to the KCC 	16	1
Improve school system and address issue of reputation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Campus with new library and KCC would give teens more central location Promote 21st century learning in school system Better use of schools 	15	5

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Success breeds success: our schools are slowly improving and let that be a lesson to Town Council</i> <i>Change back to a grading system to prevent losing more students</i> 		
Improve the Resource Recovery Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Town composting at the Transfer Station</i> <i>Improve circulation</i> <i>Pay As You Throw, it saves money; to increase recycling and decrease trash</i> <i>Single source recycling (6)</i> 	11	1
New library (either renovate existing or build new)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Build new 21st century library, handicap accessibility</i> <i>Reuse old building as a museum</i> 	7	
Provide more activities and care for senior citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Set up a Better Business Bureau type service to keep crooked contractors from continuing to fleece senior citizens</i> 	3	

OBJECTIVE 7.3 PROVIDE ADEQUATE MUNICIPAL SERVICES

STRATEGIES	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁵	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁶
Residents need to be informed of infrastructure projects and any related costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Any infrastructure projects (sewer, etc.) should only move forward if those affected (financially or otherwise) provide <u>informed</u> consent.</i> <i>More information needed for residents on sewer improvement costs; are surprised to be paying</i> 	5	2
Consider regionalizing services when appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	5	
Address need for increased sewage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At what cost?</i> <i>Require septic owners to pump annually or every other year</i> <i>The sewer system expansion should be tied to revenues from the Business Park development and not to betterment fees</i> 	2	
Address need for increased water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provide year around water to Gerrish and Cutts Islands</i> <i>Consider water reuse on public lands</i> <i>Set water reuse goals</i> <i>Rain water catchment</i> <i>Collect rain water for gardens, general use</i> 	2	
Guide development where services can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Expand sewer and water to South of</i> 	1	

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support it	<i>Spruce Creek</i> • <i>Identify sewer growth area</i>		
Provide trash and Recycling containers	• <i>Provide in Parks and Foreside</i>	1	
Consider combining EMS services to create a full time Fire Department			

BURNING QUESTION: AREA NORTH OF SPRUCE CREEK

The area of north of Spruce Creek is currently zoned at 40,000 square feet per dwelling unit and is listed as rural. It is also currently the non-sewered part of Town.

Do you think this area should be further developed? In the previous Comprehensive Plan, this was designated as a "Limited to No Growth" area. Does this hold true? Should we consider increasing the lot size or other methods of density control?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁷	# OF LARGE DOTS ⁸
YES (MORE DEVELOPMENT)	6	
<i>Unless the land is significant in terms of watershed protection, habitat, etc. , this area is an appropriate area for residential growth</i>		
<i>Needs business growth</i>		
<i>Affordable housing units</i>	3	
NO (LIMIT GROWTH)	10	
<i>No major subdivisions north of Spruce Creek</i>		
<i>Develop where development belongs, where there is infrastructure, including sewer, waiting for zoning changes</i>		
<i>Cluster housing, protect green space</i>		
<i>Limited No Growth; protect the watershed</i>		
<i>Limit growth; conserve farmland</i>	1	
<i>Preserve rural character by increasing minimum lot size – avoid potential for "spotty" development in areas without infrastructure support</i>		
<i>Limit growth, no sewer</i>	1	
<i>Leave as is, limit growth (3)</i>	1	1
<i>Allow cluster housing with protected green space instead of an acre per house</i>	7	
<i>No building there</i>		
<i>40,000 is good</i>		
OTHER		
<i>No sewer= no pollution management = no Spruce Creek</i>		
<i>Build light rail from Foreside. Put up a parking structure paid by Ship Yard to keep traffic out of downtown</i>		

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BURNING QUESTION: FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY

The current Rice Public Library operates out of two buildings. This makes it difficult for both patrons and staff. Additionally, space for more books and other materials is limited, as is the ability to accommodate additional computers. The most critical decision facing the library is how to combine all the library functions into one building and whether this should be accomplished by constructing an addition to the historic Rice building (at the existing location) or by creating a new facility at the Kittery Community Center site or at some other location. The Town Council is working with all interested parties to determine what they will recommend to voters.

Where could/should the future library be located?

COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ⁹	# OF LARGE DOTS ¹⁰
EXISTING LOCATION	31	12
<i>The Rice Library is the CORE of what is now Kittery's downtown. To move the library is to gut the downtown. There is plenty of land around it for expansion and keep the core intact. It is one of our best and most significant historic buildings. Keep it where it is. I will work with the Committee to do a conceptual design for FREE (Brian Roberts)</i>	7	9
<i>Keep the library downtown</i>	13	1
<i>Build a multi-level parking facility with access to all the floors of the old building</i>		
<i>Foreside</i>		
<i>Historic Rice Library with addition</i>	3	
<i>Why move? Seems expensive for a usage that is already fulfilled with current site.</i>		
<i>Add onto original library</i>		
<i>Consolidate in current location</i>		
<i>Community Makerspace at Old Rice building</i>	1	
<i>Add to Rice Building to make it accessible and larger; knock down Taylor building to make a small park</i>		2
<i>Hire an architect to design wheelchair accessibility for present structures; Camden, Maine did it...</i>	4	
<i>Keep Library in the Foreside in a way that naturally encourages its use and integrates waterfront history and spaces to read and relax</i>	3	
<i>Multi-level parking built into slope of existing parking lot and connect to Rice Library</i>		
<i>Balanced addition to Rice Historic Building; revamp Taylor building; consolidate library in one building</i>		
BUILD NEW LIBRARY AT FRISBEE COMMON (KCC SITE)	17	11
<i>Kittery Community Center</i>	13	3
<i>Community Center</i>		
<i>With goals like being greener, updating to a new library is the best solution</i>		
<i>Move the library to the Community Center and use the buildings downtown for business/housing/artspace</i>		
<i>Move to KCC</i>		

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<i>Add onto end of KCC of current extension rather than take away space from recreation area</i>		
<i>Community Center but find a way to retain the Rice building for community use. Discovery Kittery? Discover Maritime Historical Museum?</i>	3	8
<i>Community Center! They need the space and all on one floor, convenient set up!</i>		
<i>Current library building is poor as library use. Move to near the KCC and readapt the library building</i>		
<i>Build new library at KCC, remove Annex</i>		
<i>Join the KCC and keep original library building as a museum</i>		
<i>Look at the model in this room. Kittery public needs to be informed. To put the library in front of KCC is a good idea</i>	1	
<i>Community Center</i>		
<i>Put library at Community Center and repurpose current building</i>		
BUILD NEW LIBRARY AT OTHER LOCATION		
<i>Library should be on new light rail facility in area of outlets as the outlets are closing near Haley or north of Spruce Creek</i>		
<i>Move the library to make it a true community center, helpful to citizens of all ages; one story building, accessible to all.</i>		
OTHER		
<i>A 21st century, open and green library that is teen-friendly and internet friendly</i>	8	6
<i>Relocating the Library would NOT decimate the Foreside's resurrection. Let's get serious.</i>		
<i>Try to get the Navy to buy the Rice Library for their naval museum</i>		
<i>Make the Library a Town Department (2)</i>		
<i>Sell kids' Library</i>		
<i>Museum sounds good for library</i>		
<i>Why take one of the only sports fields from our community?</i>		
<i>Future library – Maker space</i>		
<i>Stop saying Library wants KCC site – it is Frisbee Common, not KCC property</i>	1	
<i>Taylor Building – specific for teens or Maker space</i>		
<i>Include a type of resource office for youth to promote involvement and support, e.g. "I wanna sell lemonade!" Well, this is how you do it...</i>		
<i>One big library with enough parking</i>		
<i>It would be great to have a 21st century library, accessible and a resource for the entire community</i>		

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OTHER

ISSUE	COMMENTS	# OF DOTS ¹	# OF LARGE DOTS ²
Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look to future benefit from sewer expansion revenues Relief for residents affected by sewer expansion Be more on top of any and all sewer projects – new and old 	2	1
Sustainability measures to protect the environment and prepare for climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install solar energy on South KCC roof Mandatory sustainable goals – Town buildings LEED Silver at a minimum Publish utility cost per Town Building Create Town Committee to research climate change and impacts to Kittery (see level) and report to Town Council; take advantage of UNH scientists Revive Energy Committee Convert street lights to LED Fix wind power at dump Require plastic bag recycling 	16	2
Improve schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve curriculum 		1
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't destroy Don't develop on or near wetlands "Manmade" wetlands are currently an exception. If "manmade" happened, e.g. 10 years ago, wetland restrictions, setbacks should apply 	1	1
Keep taxes low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	4	
Accountability for implementing the Comprehensive Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require Town Council to annually report on implementation of Comprehensive Plan. Put the Plan into ordinances Post ordinances on the Town website (including permit requirements, etc.) Create Implementation Committee to work on implementing Comp Plan Don't make regulations too restrictive; allow for creative ideas More boards and commissions will not solve problems; bureaucrats don't work Create benchmarks for Town Council to implement Comp Plan 	6	6
More for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More community connection for teens 	4	

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² Participants were given 3 dots with which to prioritize across all goals. They were given one additional dot with which to emphasize one of their choices (therefore putting two on one item).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>and college kids. Currently they don't come back to Kittery</i> <i>Create programs for middle ad high school kids at KCC after school</i> <i>Attract young single professionals in their 30s and 40s; housing in more "urban" areas</i> 		
Maker spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>For teens and adults; good examples in Portland</i> 	2	
Create public spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Where people can congregate along water views in Foreside (educational, community-oriented)</i> 	6	
Too much signage at Sea Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	1	
School gardens support food costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	1	
Improve communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Regarding important town issues</i> <i>Make sure issues voted on by town are clearly and fully explained prior to vote, especially when individuals or discrete groups are disproportionately affected</i> 		
Community health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Aging population</i> <i>Localized diseases (e.g. Lyme)</i> <i>Increase in number of disabled residents</i> <i>Drug epidemic</i> 		
Caution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Beware of vocal, active minority opinions</i> 		
Kittery Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Make more accessible and affordable to Kittery groups and individuals</i> 		
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Need for tennis courts</i> <i>Swimming pool - Teach all students in Kittery to swim; fitness</i> 		
Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Install elevator</i> 		
Make Kittery attractive to vacation homeowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Maine is vacationland and vacation homeowners contribute significantly to the tax base with significantly lower use of town resources.</i> 		
Build on Kittery Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Pay reward and respect to volunteers efforts on Kittery Forums</i> 		

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PRELIMINARY VISION AND GOALS

Consultant development needs to avoid over-representation by:

- *Minority/vocal groups (biking)*
- *Situational topics (dogs on the beach)*
- *Opinion vs. fact based issues*
 - *Shipyards benefits*
 - *Web shopping, hurting malls*
 - *Foreside parking*
- *Resolving “burning issues” is not possible.*

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS REGARDING CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZATION

Environmental Stewardship

- *Set an overall ordinance to become leaders in green practice. That is very desirable to young families, young professional, entrepreneurs.*

Health and Wellness

- *Forgot to add “greening of playgrounds” – see Portland Trails*
- *Health and sidewalks*

Economic and Social Vitality

- *Food production was also represented group – very important*
- *Community liaison “officer” = who understands plan and can talk to citizens and businesses and boards.*

Other

- *Include suggested language for Town Council and/or Planning Board/Harbor Board/DPW to expedite process. If the ordinances have to be written later they are less likely to get written at all.*
- *Percentage measurement of total implemented annually per board. 5-year implementation plan.*

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Summary of Public Input
Town-wide PUBLIC FORUM #3:
Thursday, November 3, 2016
STAR Theatre, Kittery Community Center

Meeting Purpose and Process

Purpose

A town-wide public forum was held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at the STAR Theatre at the Kittery Community Center. The purpose of the forum was to invite Kittery residents to review the implementation section of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will help guide future decision-making.

Process

Approximately 80 residents attended the public forum. The Consultant Team presented a summary of the planning process and provided a brief overview of the process to date. Participants were then invited to visit the nine (9) Goal Stations located around the perimeter of the room. A Steering Committee member was at each station to welcome participants and to instruct them to add comments on Post It notes. Once all had provided their additional thoughts to the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies that were developed based from a variety of public forums including previous meetings and a survey, and an on-line conversation. Participants were asked to prioritize within each Goal. That is, each

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participant was given 5 dots for each goal. They were asked to use these to indicate which strategies they considered to be most important. Participants were instructed to use up to 3 dots on anyone item. Once they had completed this exercise, participants were given 3 larger gold dots with which to prioritize across dots, that is, they were to select the three strategies they felt were most important regardless of which goal they were associated with and then to indicate this by placing their large gold dot next to these.

In addition to the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies, a station entitled “Ripe Apples,” listed “low hanging fruit” for participants to comment on and prioritize.

The following is summary of participants’ priorities. First these are presented in terms of those that received the most “gold” dots, that is, across goals, then those that received the most smaller dots, that is priority strategies to achieve the specific goal. This is followed by more detailed documentation of participant responses.

GOALS STATIONS

To protect the town’s character by preserving and protecting HISTORIC FEATURES, AND CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES and promoting an awareness of the Town’s unique history.

To protect Kittery’s NATURAL RESOURCES including watershed, fresh water, wetlands and vernal pools, agricultural and forest resources, open space and recreation.

To support desirable ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, reduce dependence on Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and increase the Town’s tax base while also providing local jobs.

To provide a range of HOUSING types to meet the needs of individuals throughout the lifecycle and to support residents with a diversity of incomes.

To improve safety and ease of GETTING AROUND TOWN and better connect the “pieces” of Kittery. Also provide safe and pleasant alternatives to automobile travel with safe and pleasant bike and walking paths.

To protect the Town’s COASTLINE, the working waterfront, and ensure appropriate access and enjoyment of the water while protecting it from environmental impacts.

To improve TOWN GOVERNANCE. Provide quality MUNICIPAL FACILITIES and SERVICES

To ensure that regulations support the desired LAND USES.

To establish short, medium and long term plans to address the effects of climate change for COASTAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, and to transition to low and zero impact energy methods

Ripe Apples (“Low Hanging Fruit”)

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HIGHLIGHTS OF FORUM DISCUSSION

The following are select highlights from the Forum. The strategies listed are those that received the most support from participants. Detailed documentation of all responses follows the summary.

Participants were asked to not only prioritize strategies within each Goal, but also across Goals. The following are the priority Goals, Objectives and Strategies as identified by participants using their large GOLD prioritization dots.

TOP PRIORITIES (ACROSS ALL GOALS)

- Protect existing open lands, including farmlands and wetlands, from development
- Make a decision regarding the future library
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Create a Kittery Historic Preservation Commission
- Work with Kittery Land Trust to create prioritized list of parcels for open space acquisition should these parcels come up for sale

ALSO:

- Strengthen cluster zoning regulation to better protect open space
- Adopt inclusionary zoning as a way to create more affordable housing
- Identify measures to improve operations, mobility and safety (transportation)
- Maintain public roadways, sidewalks, bike paths and trails
- Allow and support unique business ideas along waterfront that integrate marine-related businesses
- Develop policies that lessen the effects of the built environment on natural resources

PRIORITIES ACROSS GOALS

LARGE GOLD DOTS

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

1

(19)

Create a Kittery Historic Preservation Commission

9

Ensure that development is in keeping with context

3

Develop education and raise awareness regarding history and nature

2

Establish historic districts

1

Provide a mechanism to support arts-related business start ups

1

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Provide an increased number of artist studio spaces	1
Institute a Percent for Art Program for public building construction	1
NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION	(28)
Protect existing open lands, including farmlands and wetlands, from development	18
Protect Kittery's remaining farmland (including forests)	1
Protect wildlife corridors	1
Strengthen cluster zoning regulation to better protect open space	4
Consider expanding the season at Fort Foster	1
Continue to give Kittery residents preference for use of launching facilities, recreational fields and facilities	1
Work with public and private partners to extend and maintain the existing network of trails for non-motorized uses, and connect to a regional system	2
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	(6)
Evaluate recommendations from Foreside Forum	1
Explore possibility of state legislation that would allow municipalities to retain portion of State tax or impose a local sales tax	1
Evaluate options for the area that includes Route 1 Outlet Mall for future land use alternatives	1
Streamline permitting process of small businesses and consider designating Town Staff to be a small business liaison	2
Cooperate with other York County municipalities to explore regional approaches To economic development	1
HOUSING	(9)
Create a housing committee or housing trust	2
Adopt inclusionary zoning as a way to create more affordable housing	4

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Create a tax incentive program to lower property taxes for senior residents	1
Provide incentives for developers to take advantage of Kittery's cluster zoning ordinance, particularly if affordable housing is provided	2

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION (30)

Create a Transportation Advisory Committee	2
Identify measures to improve operations, mobility and safety	5
Maintain public roadways, sidewalks, bike paths and trails	4
Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities	13
Update Land Use and Development Code to include standards for bicycle accommodation	2
Improve transit service and connections	1
Promote alternative modes of transportation	2
Evaluate town-wide current parking conditions and parking policies	1

MARINE RESOURCES (2)

Explore opportunities for water-based tourism	1
Evaluation of potential impacts from sea level rise and climate adaptation	1

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND FISCAL CAPACITY (16)

Ensure that planning and management processes are open, informative, inclusive, respectful and welcoming	2
Make a decision regarding the future library	10
Continue to provide high quality education to residents of all ages	2
Expand wastewater treatment services in a manner consistent w/ land use planning	1
Continue to align fiscal capacity and capital investment plans	1

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LAND USE **(16)**

Work with Kittery Land Trust to create prioritized list of parcels for open space acquisition should these parcels come up for sale	8
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Reduce land area per dwelling unit requirements for multi-family housing to help with redevelopment or infill development on smaller parcel sizes in the Foreside	1
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Allow and support unique business ideas along waterfront that integrate marine-related businesses	3
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Engage in planning process for the area that includes the Route 1 Outlet Malls and future development opportunities	2
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Develop a demolition delay ordinance that would provide some protection to historic structures	2
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COASTAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE **(6)**

Plan for sea level rise	1
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Develop a plan to transition to low and zero impact energy sources	1
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Consider Town policy changes that encourage the use of renewable energy sources	1
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Develop policies that lessen the effects of the built environment on natural resources	3
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RIPE APPLES (“LOW HANGING FRUIT”)

Establish a new Committee or revive the defunct Energy Committee charged with designing a sustainability policy and plan for the Town	1
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Explore ways of increasing the Town Department efficiencies and effectiveness by further collaborating across departments	1
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Revisit cluster ordinance to ensure it is maintaining the goal of open space preservation	1
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Establish a Climate Adaptation Committee	1
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Join regional coalition of surrounding coastal communities to work together around issues of sea level rise	1
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Consider a ban on plastic bags and plastic water bottles	1
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PRIORITIES WITHIN GOALS

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE STRATEGIES THAT RECEIVED THE MOST SUPPORT BY PARTICIPANTS AT THE FORUM. A MORE DETAILED DOCUMENTATION OF ALL THE STRATEGIES IS LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THIS DOCUMENT.

TOPIC AREA 1: HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES	# of prioritization dots
Strategy	
OBJECTIVE 1.1: PROTECT HISTORIC RESOURCES	
1.1.2. Create a Kittery Historic Preservation Commission tasked with compiling an inventory of historic buildings and landscapes; serving as stewards of these resource; and educating the public about the importance of protection and preservation	22
1.1.6. Preserve threatened historic properties and scenic roads from demolition or radical alteration	16
1.1.3. Ensure that new development is in keeping with the context of the historic buildings in terms of architectural style, detail, and scale	13
1.1.5. Establish historic districts to protect significant clusters of buildings as a means of protecting the town's historic charm	12
OBJECTIVE 1.2: PROMOTE KITTERY'S HISTORY	
1.2.2. Develop education and raise awareness regarding history and nature (e.g. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, Kittery Historical and Naval Museum, Kittery Land Trust, Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea initiative)	7
OBJECTIVE 1.3: SUPPORT AND NURTURE KITTERY'S WORKING ARTISTS COMMUNITY	
1.3.2 Provide an increased number of artists studio spaces	5

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TOPIC AREA 2: NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION Strategy	# of prioritization dots
OBJECTIVE 2.1: PROTECT AND PRESERVE CRITICAL OPEN SPACES FOR PASSIVE RECREATION, VISUAL IMPACT AND PRESERVATION OF WILDLIFE HABITATS, COASTAL (SALTWATER) WETLANDS, FRESHWATER WETLANDS AND VERNAL POOLS	
2.1.1 Protect existing open lands, including farmlands and wetlands, from over-development	39
2.1.3 Protect wildlife corridors	18
2.1.4 Strengthen cluster zoning regulations so that they better protect and preserve critical open spaces	18
2.1.5 Review existing hunting regulations to improve safety of residents while, at the same time protecting residents' right to carry firearms and hunt	10
2.1.6 Consider endorsing the York River Committee's efforts to designate the York River Watershed as a Federal Wild and Scenic River with the Mount Agamenticus-to-the-Sea Initiative and Brave Boat Harbor Initiative	14
2.1.7 Preserve scenic vistas and views, including scenic roadway corridor	12
2.1.8 Develop a lighting ordinance that protects the dark sky in conservation areas and Rural Residential zones	10
OBJECTIVE 2.2: INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION	
2.2.1 Evaluate recommendations of the draft <i>Athletic Fields Master Plan</i> and implement as needed and feasible	6
2.2.2 Consider expanding the season at Fort Foster	15
2.2.3 Reduce dog waste at area beaches through enhanced enforcement and public education	5
2.2.5 Increase awareness of existing resources and how to enjoy them	5

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TOPIC AREA 2: NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION Strategy	
	# of prioritization dots
2.2.7 Continue to give preference to Kittery residents for use of launching facilities, recreational fields and facilities	5
2.2.8 Create new kayak-launching sites to provide greater access	8
2.2.9 Revisit existing hunting regulations so that all Kittery residents feel safe but, at the same time, may reserve the right to own a firearm and hunt	8
2.2.10 Work with public and private partners to extend and maintain the existing network of trails for non-motorized uses, and connect these trails to regional systems	13

TOPIC AREA 3: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Strategy	
	# of prioritization dots
OBJECTIVE 3.1: ATTRACT AND RETAIN BUSINESSES TO SUSTAIN THE VIBRANT CENTER AT FORESIDE THAT PROVIDES RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WITH PLACES TO GO AND SPACES TO GATHER	
3.1.1. Encourage the formation of a business association or local chamber of commerce to complement the services offered by the York County Chamber of Commerce	6
3.1.2. Evaluate recommendations from the Foreside Forums report to determine if and when they should be implemented	9
OBJECTIVE 3.2: ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES TO THE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK	
3.2.1 Hire a consultant to complete an economic/feasibility study for the Business Park area to help identify potential zoning changes and infrastructure needs as a way to maximize future tax revenue potential while minimizing impacts on adjacent neighborhoods	7
OBJECTIVE 3.3: CONTINUE TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED BY THE TOWN	

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TOPIC AREA 3: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Strategy	# of prioritization dots
3.3.1 Undertake a town-wide Economic Development Study to help identify what types of commercial development Kittery is specifically well-positioned for and where to target this new development	14
3.3.4. Consider hiring a full- or part-time economic development staff person who works with the Planning Department and can serve as a liaison to the business community	8
3.3.5. Explore possibility of state legislation that would allow municipalities to retain a portion of the State sales tax collected by businesses in the community or impose a local sales tax option to be retained by the municipality to help mitigate impacts	6
OBJECTIVE 3.4: DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OUTLET MALLS INTO A MIXED-USE, PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED AREAS	
3.4.1. Evaluate through planning and market analyses, the range of options for the area that includes the Route 1 Outlet Mall that would help set the stage for future regulatory change and possible infrastructure investments. One potential outcome could be the formation of an overlay district or zoning changes to allow for additional land use options in the area around the Route 1 Mall.	12
OBJECTIVE 3.5: MAINTAIN AND CREATE JOBS FOR A VARIETY OF SKILL SETS AND RANGE OF SALARIES	
3.5.1. Create a streamlined permitting process for small businesses that is easy to read and follow. Consider designating a Town staff person in the planning department as a small business liaison to help with permitting and to be a resource for questions.	5
3.5.2. Remain flexible and nimble in unique economic development areas like the Foreside or Gourmet Alley to ensure these locations remain eclectic and interesting.	7
3.5.3. Encourage a mix of housing types and price point in Kittery. This will help ensure employees have a place to live, and Kittery residents can afford to remain in their homes and contribute to the local economy. (See Housing Section for specific strategies).	7
3.5.4. Continue to support Kittery’s maritime-based economy including the fishing and lobster industries by maintaining access to the working waterfront and creating innovative avenues to	5

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TOPIC AREA 3: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Strategy	# of prioritization dots
connect fishing to the local economy.	
3.5.5. Work cooperatively with other York County municipalities to explore regional approaches to economic development and the promotion of sites for non-residential development.	9

TOPIC AREA 4: HOUSING	
Strategy	# of prioritization dots
OBJECTIVE 4.1: ATTRACT YOUNG FAMILIES AND RETAIN RESIDENTS WITH A VARIETY OF INCOMES	
4.1.3 Adopt inclusionary zoning as a way to create more affordable housing in Kittery	11
4.1.4. Update zoning regulations to encourage multi-family housing where appropriate.	7
4.1.5. Provide tax incentives or modified dimensional and parking standards for developers who create housing in desirable locations at a variety of price points.	6
OBJECTIVE 4.2: SUPPORT ELDERLY RESIDENTS' ABILITY TO AGE IN PLACE	
4.2.1. Create a tax incentive program to lower property taxes for senior residents	13
4.2.2. Update zoning regulations to allow for different housing types that meet the needs of today's senior residents	6
4.2.3. Provide incentives for developers to take advantage of Kittery's cluster zoning ordinance, particularly if affordable housing is provided. This may include expedited permitting, reduced application fees, relaxed dimensional standards, relaxed parking standards where applicable=	15

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TOPIC AREA 5: TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION Strategy	# of prioritization dots
OBJECTIVE 5.1: ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY AND CONGESTION	
5.1.1 Create a Transportation Advisory Committee	6
5.1.2 Identify measures to improve operations, mobility and safety	19
5.1.3 Maintain public roadways, sidewalks, bike paths and trails	18
OBJECTIVE 5.2: MAKE WALKING AND BIKING SAFE AND PLEASANT	
5.2.1 Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities by providing and developing sidewalks, walking trails and bike paths	38
5.2.2 Update Land Use and Development Code of Town of Kittery to include standards for bicycle accommodations	7
5.2.3 Develop Complete Streets Policy	11
5.3.1 Improve transit service and connections	6
5.3.2 Promote alternative modes of transportation	16
5.3.3 Consider bike sharing alternatives	5
OBJECTIVE 5.4: EXPLORE WAYS OF INCREASING PARKING OPTIONS	
5.4.2 Maximize parking efficiency and explore shared parking opportunities	6

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TOPIC AREA 6: MARINE RESOURCES Strategy	# of prioritization dots
OBJECTIVE 6.1: INCREASE ACCESS TO THE WATERFRONT	
6.1.2 Provision of long-term public access to parking at Frisbee Store property	9
6.1.3 Explore opportunities for water-based tourism to Kittery	8
6.1.4 Publication of map showing existing access points for boaters	5
6.1.5 Determine whether appropriate locations exist for additional public access to water/waterfront	5
OBJECTIVE 6.3: PROTECT MARINE RESOURCES	
6.3.1 Education and advocacy effort to inform residents on effects of pollutants, pesticides, and stormwater runoff	8
6.3.2 Evaluation of a Town ordinance regulating use of lawn chemicals, either in waterfront areas or town-wide	11
6.3.3 Evaluation of potential impacts from sea level rise and climate adaptation	5
6.3.9 Identify high-value scenic views of the water and designate for protection through proactive development regulations (including regulation of fence heights)	7

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TOPIC AREA 7: PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES	
Strategy	# of prioritization dots
OBJECTIVE 7.1: IMPROVE TOWN GOVERNANCE AND THE ABILITY TO PLAN	
7.1.1 Ensure that planning and management processes are open, informative, inclusive, respectful and welcoming	12
7.1.2. Increase and improve communication with town residents	7
7.1.8. Recruit more residents to participate on boards and committees	6
7.1.9. Work with surrounding communities, and to the extent that is feasible, develop a mutually beneficial regional approach	6
7.1.11. Encourage communication and collaboration across Town Departments	8
OBJECTIVE 7.2: MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES	
7.2.1 Make a decision regarding future library	28
7.2.2. Continue to provide high quality education to residents of all ages	14
7.2.3. Support plans for the expansion of programming at the Kittery Community Center	6
7.2.5. Make repairs to existing facilities where needed	7
OBJECTIVE 7.3: PROVIDE ADEQUATE MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
7.3.6. Continue to reduce or eliminate polluted Stormwater runoff to the extent practicable	14

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TOPIC AREA 8: LAND USE Strategy	# of prioritization dots
OBJECTIVE 8.1: PROTECT AREA NORTH OF SPRUCE CREEK	
8.1.1. Work with the Kittery Land Trust to create a prioritized list of parcels for open space acquisition should these parcels come up for sale	20
8.1.2. Revisit the Cluster Bylaw to ensure it is creating financially-viable development scenarios while maintaining the goals of open space protection	5
OBJECTIVE 8.3: SUSTAIN AND BUILD UPON THE VITALITY OF THE FORESIDE DISTRICT	
8.3.1. Undertake a study to determine the desired land uses in the Foreside and the regulations and infrastructure needed to support an expansion of the Foreside district	5
8.3.5. Look for opportunities to leverage town-owned land or buildings to support town-wide goals for housing and job creation	5
8.3.6. Encourage innovative maker-space, DIY (do-it-yourself) spaces that afford artists and small business owners with space to create, invent, and learn in the Foreside, alongside modest retail opportunities for galleries and sales	10
OBJECTIVE 8.4: PROTECT THE WORKING WATERFRONT	
8.4.1. Increase the long-term viability of the working waterfront through coordination with fishermen and protection of piers and dockside facilities	9
8.4.2. Look for ways to allow and/or support unique business ideas along the waterfront that integrate traditional marine-related businesses with new and innovative business ventures (ensure that use definitions and permitting processes do not restrict innovative ideas for keeping marine-related jobs and industries financially-viable in Kittery)	7
OBJECTIVE 8.5: SUPPORT CREATIVE AND VIABLE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE OUTLET AREA	
8.5.1. Engage in a planning process for the area that includes the Route 1 Outlet Malls and future development opportunities, and considers zoning amendments such as an overlay zone	9

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that provides for more flexibility concerning permitted uses	
OBJECTIVE 8.6: ENCOURAGE THE PROTECTION OF HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING SCENIC VIEWS	
8.6.1. Use the Future Land Use Map as a guide for encouraging new development in identified locations, while protecting open spaces, agricultural land, and natural and historical resources	12
8.6.2. Identify regulations that can be amended or added to the towns land use code that will further the preservation and protection of historic resources, with input from the Planning Board and other stakeholders	15
8.6.3. Develop a demolition delay ordinance that would provide some potential protection to historic structures	12

TOPIC AREA 9: COASTAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE	# of prioritization dots
Strategy	
OBJECTIVE 9.1: ESTABLISH PLANS TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE	
9.1.1. Plan for sea level rise	12
9.1.4. Monitor, plan for, and mitigate the effects of climate change on Kittery's built environment	5
9.1.5. Develop a regional approach to addressing the potential impacts of climate change	7
OBJECTIVE 9.2: REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND TRANSITION TO LOW AND ZERO IMPACT METHODS	
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Strategy	
OBJECTIVE 9.3: PROVIDE EDUCATION AND INCENTIVES TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT	
9.3.1. Develop policies that lessen the effects of the built environment on natural resources	14
9.3.4. Increase public awareness regarding need to protect the environment for future generations	8

RIPE APPLES (“LOW HANGING FRUIT”)	# of prioritization dots
Strategy	
NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION	
Increase awareness regarding dog feces ordinance and erect more signs with regulations pertaining to the conduct of dogs and their owners on beaches and other open spaces.	7
Create an on-line and printed guide to the recreational resources of Kittery and make them available to residents and visitors.	5
TRANSPORTATION	
Consider forming a Transportation Advisory Committee to identify and evaluate transportation improvements.	5
Develop a Complete Streets Policy to accommodate all modes of transportation, for all ability levels, in a safe and attractive way to encourage more walking and biking.	6
MARINE RESOURCES	
Prepare educational materials summarizing Kittery’s water quality challenges and the effects of pollutants and pesticides .	7

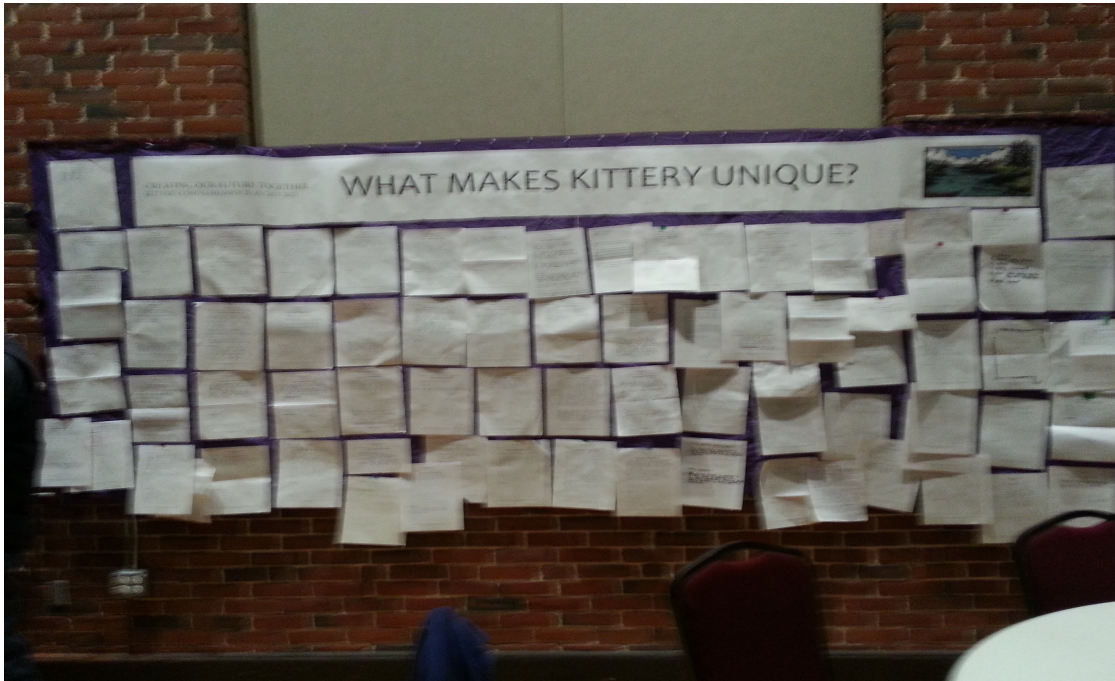
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RIPE APPLES (“LOW HANGING FRUIT” Strategy	# of prioritization dots
LAND USE	
Work with the Kittery Land Trust to create a prioritized list of parcels for open space acquisition should there parcels come up for sale.	7
Revisit cluster ordinance to ensure it is maintaining the goal of open space preservation.	12
COASTAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE	
Join regional coalition of surrounding coastal communities to work together around issues of sea level rise.	7
Consider a ban on plastic bags and plastic water bottles.	7

DETAILED DOCUMENTATION

Detailed documentation of participant responses presented in the pages that follow.

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"Let's work together for mindful development with community involvement."

"Needs more sidewalks and bike paths."

"We have to come together to proactively work through competing ideas and ideological philosophies – whole thinking."

"Needs to be updated to 21st century."

"We need a more bicycle friendly attitude. The town policy need to enforce speed limits."

"Major traffic problems because of Navy Yard. Noise and light pollution from Navy Yard. Schools need improvement – low test scores. Unstable town government. Needs more sidewalks and bike lanes."

"Thank you for bringing the community together!!"

"Amazing public spaces that need to be taken advantage of even better."

"It needs a modern library – not a building that is a monster to heat with little room for functions and an annex that is also over burden – Kittery's library is an embarrassment."

"Cohesion planning critical."

1. Connect – not divide. Integrated mixed-use zoning
2. Simple

COMMENT BOARDS

Comment Boards were placed at Town Hall and the Kittery Community Center during the month of March with a series of questions for people to respond to.



IF YOU COULD DO ONE THING TO IMPROVE KITTERY WHAT WOULD IT BE?

- SIDEWALK CONNECTING OUR GREAT ROAD WALKS
- WALKABLE TOWN WITH SHUTTLE TRANSPORT
- IMPROVE ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC FLOW
- ELIMINATE LEFT TURNS FOR SAFETY (RT 1)
- INSTALL TRAFFIC LIGHT AT ROGERS ROAD INTERSECTION TO KCC
- FIX POTHOLES
- MORE SIDEWALKS BY HIGH SCHOOL & BY TRAFFIC CIRCLE (DAIRY QUEEN)
- GET MORE SKATE PARKS
- [ADD] STOP LIGHT FROM EXIT RT 1 BY PASS TO KITTERY TRAFFIC CIRCLE (NO ONE STOPS)
- WE NEED SIDEWALKS ON OUR SCHOOL STREETS IN PARTICULAR STEVENSON RD
- PROTECT MORE LAND IN NATURAL STATE
- RT 103 BICYCLE LANE

POST FORUM #1 INPUT- FROM TOWN HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTER 3/16

- CONTINUOUS SIDEWALK FROM COMMUNITY CENTER TO TOWN HALL
- SHARE MITCHELL SCHOOL WONDERS WITH SHAPLIEGH & TRAIPI & MORE FULLY INTERGRATE ALL 3 SCHOOLS WITH COMMUNITY
- MODERNIZE HOW WE EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN
- FIX OUR SCHOOLS
- STOP ALL HUNTING (USE NON-LETHAL BIRD & DEER CONTROL)
- TEEN CENTER FOR KIDS TO GO TO WHERE IT IS SAFE & FUN
- BUY THE LAND NEXT TO THE KCC, MOVE THE BALL FIELD TO THE BACK, TAKE DOWN THE FRONT CHAIN LINK FENCE & CREATE A REAL TOWN GREEN IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING
- COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH PROGRAMS AT OUR COMMUNITY CENTER
- STREET/PARKING LOT BEAUTIFICATION... MORE GREEN LESS GRAY
- PAINT & RESIDE TRASH BUILDING
- KEEP THE LIBRARY DOWNTOWN
- INSTITUTE ADAPTIVE REUSE ORDINANCE IN FORESIDE
- AUTO CROSSWALKS ON RTE 1 THRU OUTLETS BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HIT BY A CAR
- STOP HUNTING IN TOWN FOREST
- RUN BEERS OUT OF TOWN
- POLICE DETAIL ON RT 1 OUTLETS FOR TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DURING WEEKENDS & SUMMER TRAFFIC
- PUT TRAFFIC LIGHTS BY MALL ON BLINKING MODE AFTER MALL HOURS

THOUGHTS ON ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN KITTEERY?

- ROADS TO NOWHERE- OUR RURAL SPACES COULD CONNECT TO EACH OTHER
- TINY HOUSE PARK
- PLAYGROUNDS
- KITTEERY IS OLD AND MUST PRESERVE OLD TREES & OLD BUILDINGS & WILDLIFE
- PLAYGROUND IN DOWNTOWN NEAR LIL'S
- REDUCE SPRAWL INTO UNFRAGMENTED/UNDEVELOPED AREAS
- IN- TOWN (FORESIDE & HALEY RD IN-FILL)
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- ENFORCE ZONING REGS IN PLACE INCLUDING SETBACKS (ESPECIALLY FROM WATER)
- FIX THE ROADS
- MORE LOCAL BUSINESSES ON RT 1
- ABATE PROBLEMS AT OLD NURSING HOME ON RT 1 & MOVE KITTEERY WATER DISTRICT UP THERE
- BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING @ NORTH END RT 1
- BUILD PARKING GARAGE/RESTAURANT STORES/ RETAIL SPACE IN SPACE NOW OCCUPIED BY KWD [KITTEERY WATER DISTRICT] (THIS WILL BE GOOD FOR PEOPLE GOING TO PORTSMOUTH & FOR SHOPPERS & DINERS IN KITTEERY)
- THERE IS PLENTY OF "ROOM" TO GROW WHILE MAINTAINING CHARACTER
- KEEP WATER DISTRICT AFFORDABLE & "IN" TOWN
- DOG PARK
- DOG PARK OPPOSITION

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- KEEP SMALL TOWN CHARACTER WHILE ADDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- FORESIDE NEEDS TO HAVE PROTECTIVE ORDINANCES FOR RESIDENTS- MAINTAIN CHARACTER
- ADAPTIVE REUSE ORD
- PROTECT THE BUILDINGS WE HAVE NOT JUST BUILDINGS ON HISTORIC REGISTER BUT OLD HOUSES BUILT BY WORKING MEN

WHAT MAKES KITTERY UNIQUE?

- THE PEOPLE
- SEASHORE WATER FORT FOSTER, MCCLARY/SEAPOINT RURAL + URBAN LIFE
- OUR COMMUNITY CENTER
- OUR COMMUNITY
- KITTERY HAS RURAL ASPECTS AS WELL AS CITY LIKE
- DIVERSE LAND/ PROPERTY TYPES
- BEAUTIFUL NAUTRAL RESOURCE AREAS
- OUR GORGEOUS SHORELINE
- BEACHES/BOAT LAUNCHES/PARKS/WOODS/WILDLIFE
- RESTAURANTS
- AVAILABLE LAND TO DEVELOP ON RT 1 FOR SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES (NOT MALLS)
- ACCESS TO RT 95 "CORRIDOR": FROM BOSTON TO PORTLAND
- ITS UNPARALLELED LOCATION- ON WATER IN VIBRANT SCENES YET UNSPOILED BY TOO MANY MCMANSIONS, THERE ARE STILL REAL WORKING CLASS (MANY CLASSES) HERE
- WE AREN'T PORTSMOUTH! DON'T WANT TO BE!
- STOP HUNTING
- WE EMBODY HISTORY OF WORKING MEN WHO BUILT LARGE WOODEN SHIPS. NOT THE RICH GUY BUT THE WORKING MAN. WE HAVE AN IDENTITY TO KEEP LINKING WORKING WATERFRONT AND WORKERS
- LOCATION TO BOSTON/PORTSMOUTH WHILE MAINTAINING RURAL/SMALL TOWN ENVIRONMENT
- OUR HISTORY- WORKING STAFF AND THE HOUSES THEY LIVED IN. FISHERMEN, BUILDERS, CARPENTERS, JOURNERS STILL WITH US!

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS OR WANT PRESERVED FOR THE FUTURE IN KITTERY?

- FORT FOSTER
- THE LIBRARY WHERE IT IS
- LIBRARY-CONNECT YOUTH AND ADULT BUILDINGS
- I LIKE HAVING THE COMMUNITY CENTER HERE
- ITS NATURAL BEAUTY
- THE NATURAL/RECREATION AREAS
- NICE PEOPLE
- FORESIDE (ALTHOUGH CONCERNS)
- FORT FOSTER
- LIBRARY

POST FORUM #1 INPUT- FROM TOWN HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTER 3/16

- KITTERY ADULT EDUCATION IS FANTASTIC
- KITTERY RESTAURANTS
- BEACHES/BOAT LAUNCHES/PARKS/WOODS/WILDLIFE
- KITTERY'S HISTORY
- COMMUNITY CENTER (SAFE PROGRAM)
- BOAT "WATER USER FEES" TO BE ELIMINATED "NOT ENFORCED"
- BOAT EXCISE TAX BELONGS IN PORT AUTHORITY BUDGET
- RAMP FEES AT TRAP TOO HIGH
- KCC- WONDERFUL
- KAA
- FT MCCLEARY & FORT FOSTER
- HISTORY OF WORKING MAN, BUILDING BOATS, IS RIGHT HERE. LET'S PROTECT IT.
- SMALL TOWN CHARACTER & ENVIRONMENT. LOW POPULATION.
- THE HOUSES OLD OR FUNKY STRETCHING FROM JONES PARK TO ST. RAPHAELS. THIS SHOULD BE A HISTORIC DISTRICT.

WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVORITE THING OR CHANGE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN KITTERY?

- SCHOOLS – WANT THEM KNOWN AS EXCELLENT & INNOVATIVE
- WE NEED TO STOP HUNTING AND KILLING OF DEER, BIRDS AND ALL WILDLIFE NOW
- HUNTING IS GOOD, KILLING DEER IS GOOD
- GOVERNMENT DISFUNCTION- INABILITY TO KEEP A TOWN MANAGER
- A LOT OF PAVEMENT/LACK OF GREEN SPACE OR ATTRIBUTES IN "TOWN CENTRE"
- CONCERNS WITH FORESIDE BECOMING TOO MUCH LIKE PORTSMOUTH, WOULD LIKE TO SEE KITTERY IDENTITY INTACT OVERTIME
- NONCONTINUOUS SIDEWALKS
- POOR SCHOOLS
- SCHOOLS LACK GREAT DIRECTION
- TAXPAYER & SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS TO BOAT LAUNCHES/PARKS (UNABLE TO AFFORD ACCESS TO FORT FOSTER)
- THE MALLS ARE MY LEAST FAVORITE THING ABOUT KITTERY. CAN WE DEVELOP RT 1 W/ MORE BUSINESSES LIKE PAERKER-HANNAFIN & SHORT-TERM HOTELS AND OTHER BUSINESSES (ON THE GO!) THAT CAN PAY A LIVING WAGE?
- LACK OF SAFE LANES & TRAILS
- HAVING SPLIT IDENTITY/PERSONALITY AS IT STRADLES MAINE & NH
- HOMEOWNER'S/ DOG OWNERS DO NOT PICK UP AFTER THEM
- DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON BEACHES- EVEN DURING THE MONTHS/HOURS THEY SHOULDN'T BE, POLICE NEED TO ENFORCE THE LAWS
- LACK OF A WALKING TRAIL & BIKE ROUTE FOR SAFE EXERCISE/RECREATION
- HUNTING IN TOWN FOREST
- PEOPLE TEARING DOWN OLD BUILDINGS TO PUT UP NEW ONES THAT ARE UGLY
- SHIPYARD TRAFFIC SHOULD BE BETTER MANAGED- GIVE KITTERY RESIDENTS TRAFFIC PREFERENCE (NOT THOSE EXITING THE SHIPYARD) WORK ON MASS TRANSIT SOLUTION & OUT OF AREA PARKING

CREATING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER



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Summary of Public Input Survey of “Burning Issues”

Forty-eight (48) Kittery residents responded to an on-line survey comprised of sixteen (16) “Burning issues” as identified by the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee and the Consultant Team. Two responses were submitted in hard copy, the remaining were completed on-line. The following is a summary of the majority responses followed by a compilation of detailed responses.

How can we prevent the loss of historic buildings and landscapes while at the same time protecting individual property owners’ rights?

- *Very strong support for historic preservation*
- *What do other towns do?*
- *Some concern over private property rights*

What is the best way for the Town to protect the Rice Public Library building from demolition or incompatible alteration, regardless of how it is used in the future?

- *Very strong support to preserve the building and to keep it open to the public by using it as:*
 - *A library*
 - *A museum*
 - *A visitor center*
 - *Town offices*

How do we respect the rights of hunters to engage in their sport and simultaneously ensure the safety of all residents?

- *Significant support for different ways to limit hunting (by number of days, season, geographic locations, etc.) as well as much support for the “right to hunt.”*
- *Many comments on the need for more information – maps, postings, signage- regarding what is allowed and where*

How do we strike a balance between dog owners’ desire to bring their dogs to the beaches and the desire of others for clean and peaceful beaches?

- *Signage*
- *Enforcement regarding leash law and scooping*
- *Provision of doggie waste bags and receptacles*
- *Limit hours*
- *Limit dogs to specific beaches*

- *Some people seemed unaware of existing seasonal rules regarding dogs on the beach*

Would you support the recommendations of the Athletic Fields Study even if it meant an increase in your taxes?

- *Approximately an equal number of “No” and “Yes” responses; some of the Yes responses were: “Yes, but no increase in taxes.”*
- *Many felt the need for more information regarding the Athletic Field Study*

What would you like to see in the Outlet area of Town as it evolves in the future?

- *Strong support for mixed use, including workforce housing*
- *Support for improving walking, biking and having more natural areas, including a park*
- *Several people expressed a desire for a grocery store*

What kind of development do you think is most appropriate for the future along the Town’s major commercial spine, specifically along the Route 1 area from Haley Road to the York line?

- *Significant support for the preservation of natural features*
- *Mixed use, small scale, including affordable housing*
- *More walkable, bikeable*
- *Recreational uses*

What should the Town do to support housing that is affordable to lower and middle-income households? Where are appropriate locations to encourage new housing development to support this goal?

- *Very strong support for the creation of affordable housing. Locations identified as being appropriate include:*
 - *Along Rt. 1*
 - *Rt. 1 by-pass*
 - *Outlet area*
 - *Water District site*

Where would you like to see the Town provide accommodations for bicyclists including wide shoulders, shared bike lanes, bike lands and separated bike paths?

- *Very strong support for bike accommodations*
- *At a minimum the Town should put up Share the Road signs and paint lanes on the streets*
- *Rt. 103 was cited as being the most desirable location, but also the most dangerous*
- *Some felt that sidewalks were more important (because “not everyone rides a bicycle, but everyone walks”)*

Need for parking at various locations

Foreside

- *Approximately twice as many said yes than said no*

- *Those who said no said that the shortage is over stated, that people only need to “go a block or two to find parking.”*
- *Parking is reportedly difficult during peak times*
- *Some suggestions regarding better management of existing spaces (employees to park further away, etc.)*

Pepperrell Cove

- *Approximately twice as many said No than said Yes*
- *Those who said no said that they couldn’t envision much additional development in the area, therefore, no additional parking is needed*

Chancy Creek

- *More than twice the number of people said No than said Yes.*
- *Most saw the problem as being that of the business, not the Town*

Seapoint Beach

- *Almost equal amount said Yes as said No*
- *Some who said Yes wanted it to be Residents Only*
- *Some who said No said that limiting parking was a way of protecting the “fragile ecosystem”*

Would you like to see a public shuttle bus in Kittery?

- *Some concern expressed regarding sufficient ridership*
- *Yes, but not at the tax payers expense*
- *Explore regional cooperation*
- *Good for pre-teens and for 65+population*

What actions should be taken to improve water quality in Kittery?

- *Monitor septic systems and enforce regulations*
- *Enforce strict regulation of use of fertilizes, pesticides, herbicides, etc.*
- *Explore longer term investment, e.g. permeable pavements, landscaping to filter runoff, etc.*
- *Stop development*

What measures would you support to preserve the working waterfront?

- *Very strong support for the fishermen and the working waterfront. Suggestions included:*
- *See what other towns have done (e.g. York)*
- *Talk to organizations such as the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen’s Association, Main Sea Grant, and Coastal Enterprises Institute*

Where would you like to see additional public boating access and associated parking?

- *Almost an equal number would like additional access and parking as those who would not*
- *Some of those who would like additional access, would like it to be for Residents Only.*

Should we continue to consider the area north of Spruce Creek to be “Limited to No Growth”?

- *A significant majority would like to keep it as Limited to No Growth*
- *Some discussion of desirability of clustered development for preservation of open space (versus large minimum lot sizes)*

Where could/should the future library be located?

- *Exactly an equal amount of respondents wish the library to stay in its existing location as would like it to relocate to a new one.*
- *Of those who support building a new library in another location, the majority cited the Kittery Community Center site as the desired location. Other locations included:*
 - *The space next to the Post Office (build a second story)*
 - *Gas station at Whipple Road*
 - *Outlet area*
 - *40,000 sq. ft. area at Spruce Creek.*

OTHER: Are there any other issues that you consider to be “burning?”

- *Shipyards traffic*
- *Too much development, developers looking for opportunities*
- *Town spending too much money*
- *Business Park not effective*
- *Training and workshops needed of Town staff and citizenry*
- *Roads need repair*
- *Protect small town charm*
- *Town buildings need to be energy efficient*
- *The financial impacts of a new library*
- *Sewer betterment fee*
- *Route One development*
- *Protect local water access*
- *Improve walkability (more crosswalks, finish the sidewalk on Stevenson Road)*
- *Noise pollution*
- *Improve the school system*
- *Port Authority should be reviewed for effectiveness*
- *Better use of Community Center and more collaboration with other groups*
- *More transparency in local government*
- *More athletic fields*
- *Support aging in place, affordability*

A detailed documentation of all survey responses may be found on the pages that follow.

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Q1 HISTORIC PROPERTIES. Several historic properties in Kittery have been demolished or significantly altered in the recent past. How can we prevent the loss of historic buildings and landscapes while, at the same time, protecting individual property owners' rights?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 13

#	Responses	Date
1	Establish a preservation/historical society and identify historic areas/buildings that need to be protected. Work with town zoning to establish rules about what can/can not be done to historic buildings. Obviously, this becomes difficult to retroactively establish on privately owned property, but incentives can be created to get owners to comply.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	incentives for home owners to keep property historic. whether it's tax credits, etc.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Some kind of historic designation is necessary. What was done to the Bray house is unimaginable. The properties should be marked as such before being sold, so buyers will know what they can or can't do. There are historic building all over the world and people don't knock them down to build a pool. Look at the big picture, Maine was one of the first settled states, and we can't keep a few building or landscapes to reflect that?? That's a true shame.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	I honestly feel that protecting historic homes is the town's responsibility and I don't understand how these historic homes came to be privately owned in Kittery. I think there should be a certain expectation of the homeowner to maintain the building and keep it looking as original as possible	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
5	Not sure this can be done with no designated historic district and its guidelines and rules. Check with neighboring cities and towns to see how they handle this?	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
6	Follow the preservation best practices developed and successfully used by surrounding communities.	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
7	History is important, but the needs of the town trump history. I would love as much history saved as possible, but if something needs to be taken down then so be it	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
8	Under NHPA [Nat'l Historic Preservation Act], there are provisions for exterior facade easement status which protects exterior appearance yet still permits interior renovations/changes to accommodate current design elements. Similarly, view easements provide viewing protections. Neither are perfect but loss of the historic foundations of our town are tragic.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
9	Surely other communities have found solutions. What are the models?	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
10	In some towns in MA, if your house becomes classified as historic, you need the permission of the town and neighborhood to even repaint the house a different color. Maybe trying something like that. Have the town and neighbors have a say if it is major change to the property.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM

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11	<p>Convene a historic resources commission (like a historic preservation commission, but with broader vision) to investigate options on a relatively short timeframe. Look at how other towns have done it successfully and develop a suite of options for broader public discussion. Without knowing much about it, I am guessing it could include proposing both ordinances & incentives (tax breaks? exceptions to zoning?). A local historic registry could be developed, or particular neighborhoods could be designated. Certain aspects might be voluntary or mandatory. They might apply to all buildings or only new construction, renovations, or pending sales. Approach the state historical societies for help, since surely they are familiar with these issues, or can refer us to groups that are. Here are some links to groups doing related work: http://forum.savingplaces.org/home - national network for historic redevelopment https://growsmartmaine.org/ - historically-sensitive community development http://buffalovedevelopment.com/our-services/ - community-oriented historic conservation/redevelopment</p> <p>The process needs to move along and not get too bogged down. If we squander our historic resources, and fail to value them as a public good, we are unlikely to benefit from the tourism boom in Portsmouth, or to see real estate values to increase as they have of late, especially in the Foreside. Portsmouth is booming largely because it protected its historic buildings. The more recent building craze there is an outgrowth of their longstanding policies. Viewscapes are a public good, like roads and bridges. We don't need to be mandating paint colors, but surely we can do something to beef up the review processes for building and renovation permits? I have no personal familiarity with that process in Kittery, but in many towns, those review panels are perfunctory in practice, even if they may have more legal clout than they have courage to exercise. A public education effort might help, by giving that group and various interested parties some vocabulary, and policy frameworks. Explain to people why historic properties are important to overall property values and quality of life. Make sure some good architects are involved. We can't replicate the past, and probably wouldn't want to, but there are ways to at least ensure that more contemporary design doesn't detract. It seems that in Portsmouth, some recent controversial developments have undergone multiple rounds of public input until they produced architectural designs that people are ok with. It takes a little thought, and hiring the right people, but the developers can do a decent job if they are incentivized and the oversight is appropriate and persistent.</p>	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
12	<p>ZONING, ZONING, ZONING! This becomes a legal document for not only property owners but board members to use and follow. HEIGHTS: Foreside & Route 1. I suggest a max of 36' = 2-1/2 story building. Plenty high to keep development in the area that is currently charming and historic. Route1 Bypass - 65' height. This would locate the taller buildings away from the historic area. SETBACKS: Foreside, Route 1 & 236. Front: 10'; Sides: 10'; Back: 20'. This keeps these areas green and respectful. Let the areas that are already pavement have 0' setbacks. Think FORWARD. Think like a developer and how things will quickly get maxed out if we don't watch the numbers!</p>	6/21/2016 8:29 PM
13	<p>Public-Private partnerships need to be developed to preserve the physical buildings/lands and re-purpose them, either for private or public usage. The 'owners' are only the current custodians/shepherds and should not have ultimate rights.</p>	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
14	<p>strongly encourage property owners to maintain the historic significance. IE historic tour lists, tax incentives, or even a simple collage of all the sites that can be viewed either on line or possibly a hard copy on request.</p>	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
15	<p>establish a historic district with limited changes available, in the downtown, and protect only a few key properties outside of that area. You can't save every old building, and "historic" homes can be a burden to a property owner, so most should be able to renovate or remove the structures</p>	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
16	<p>There is no perfect solution, but we should be careful to not confuse 'aged' with 'historic'. Just because a structure may be 75, 100, or even 150+ years old does not mean it should be preserved. If we were to look south to Portsmouth, we would see a strong HDC that mandates that all building become terribly homogenous. It is comical to see huge redevelopment across downtown Portsmouth, in an area bound by the mandates of this powerful HDC, where dozens of old structures are razed, only to be replaced by new structures having the exact same aesthetic and roots tied to a tired old period. For no reason other than claims that this makes the town 'historic'. It makes for complex and costly approvals, and cheapens the very aesthetic it claims to protect. Let us be open-minded and not use 'historic preservation' as a tool to prevent property owners from bettering their homes and properties.</p>	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
17	?	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
18	<p>Protect them like other historical properties are protected in other cities. Ensure everyone in the town is informed and able to make a decision if a development change is deemed questionable by zoning board.</p>	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
19	<p>I am sure there this info out there about protection of historic property, we do not need to reinvent the wheel. Let's try to save these properties.</p>	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
20	<p>you can't have both. If the town thinks they are important then they should purchase them.</p>	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
21	<p>tough one. at some point, more than a few people do have to care for these places and things to last.</p>	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
22	<p>Owners should have rights to develop or change their property.</p>	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
23	<p>Not all old buildings are worth saving. History is not stagnant and a mix of the old with new is good for a community.</p>	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
24	<p>Designate specific buildings within the town that could potentially be put on the historic register list.</p>	6/15/2016 3:01 PM

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25	Assign them as Historical landmarks so they are protected.	6/15/2016 2:59 PM
26	I've not encountered any way to incentivize preservation of historic buildings other than an historic district overlay. I don't see that as appropriate for Kittery	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
27	We say we want Progress, but we still try to hold onto the past. Pick you battles. With this many tourist and people wanting to come to Kittery, wanting a piece of us, we are letting them destroy what we hold love about our town. Progress is not always a good thing.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
28	That's a big question without an easy answer. However, I think there should be limits as to how much taxpayers should subsidize private landowners with easements (i.e. Rustlewood Farm). Purchases are another thing altogether, but it seems to me that raising funds for easements should be done privately.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
29	Pass laws to protect our heritage based on a review of properties' historic value and significant.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
30	By mobilizing the population to realize the value of these gems wh0 can convince the Town Council and general population to fund the preservation of the valuable properties	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
31	Enacting historic zoning and preservation rules and have a historic properties commission. We should identify properties that fit a criteria and enact rules to protect them. Owners could be given a break on property taxes if they adhere to the rules.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
32	Certainly other towns and cities have instituted measures that work. We can look at existing strategies and adopt what will work for Kittery.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
33	Buy said properties, rewrite the deeds and create lease/buy opportunities for lower/middle income buyers defining what can and cannot be done to improve or change buildings and landscapes.	6/13/2016 12:58 PM

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Q2 RICE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING The Rice Public Library is housed in one of the most architecturally-significant library buildings in the State of Maine. It may or may not continue to be used as a library in the future. What is the best way for the town to protect this building from demolition or incompatible alteration, regardless of how it is used in the future?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 6

#	Responses	Date
1	My above response would apply to Rice Library as well.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	move the town offices into it.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Some kind of historic designation. The Library should absolutely be protected.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	Does the state of maine have funds for protecting historic buildings? Can we access these funds or get a grant?	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
5	Well you just don't let it happen. Who owns the building?	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
6	Not sure what guidelines are in place for this gift to the town. Historic New England works with individuals to maintain significant elements of buildings in perpetuity. Maybe something restricting changes could be adopted in going forward.	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
7	Historical designation. Have zoning that compliments this goal	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
8	The library needs to syay	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
9	Again, see above. The library now is functional virtually unusable. Sell the bldg with protections, and perhaps occasional access if it becomes commercial space, built into deed. Use \$\$ to build a functional library space [hopefully at Frisbee Commons]. This project has languished too long ... why are Rice trustees dragging their feet?	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
10	Preservation society? New Engkand Historic Homes? What do other communities do?	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
11	Turn it into a museum of Maine history. Host events and teach people about Maine and local history. Put it under the protection of National Historic Landmark.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM
12	No way should these buildings be demolished or their historic value at all diminished. There has to be a way to protect them. If the library is a private non-profit, surely its trustees could put a covenant on it. Again, I would think the state historical society would be familiar with such options. If the town were to create a local historic resources registry, the library could be the first property on it. It might require a foundation-run capital campaign.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
13	we do NOT need a new library. This is an age of e-books and such. We do not need unnecessary new taxes to support it and it's staff. Those that want a new structure should get a grip or move to York where they cannot pay for the Tj Mahal they built.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
14	Establish a Historic District and Commission (HDC) to provide guidelines! This will prevent any future properties from being at risk for removal. True it could be used as a private industry but would need to follow all codes and answer to the HDC. We are LATE to the table on this one!	6/21/2016 8:29 PM
15	As the Town owns the building, it should find an appropriate means to re-purpose it. It could be a Welcome Center, or used as open office space/ by the desk, as a business incubator. Or a museum.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
16	Restore the building to its original condition, then establish a fund to prevent its defacing/ demolition.	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
17	The building MUST remain in the hands of the town, a museum, chamber of commerce, or multi use space under the control of the the Rec Dept. Not condos, or private ownership.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM

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18	Immediately cease funding 95+ percent of the 'free' library's operation unless it becomes a town department. If it does so, manage the department like all others in town. If it does not, cease funding and seek out town memberships at Portsmouth and York, which can be had at lower cost than our current obligations and would GAIN our citizenry library amenities. Then decide how to proceed with the building based on the direction the RPL Trustees choose. See above for notes on historic buildings.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
19	Keppra library there and expand it with addition to main building.	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
20	Something similar to what Lil's did (the bank vault door). Respect the history integrity of the structure while bringing modern amenities into the town.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
21	Wow, this building needs to be saved. Is not the library the steward of this property? I believe it has been shown that this building can save historic character and be renovated to meet the needs of the Kittery residents. We should try. The downtown needs to keep its library, an anchor for the Foreside.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
22	put rules in effect to preserve its basic structure, such as Portsmouth does with the historical district	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
23	I hope this building is not sold to a developer looking to turn Kittery into Portsmouth! Maybe creating a museum or connecting with our existing museum to see if they have any interest in the building.	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
24	If library moved, solicit proposals from communities about use. Proposals to be reviewed by committee; require language regarding preservation.	6/16/2016 12:14 PM
25	use it as the library.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
26	Designate it as a historical landmark with restrictions on significant changes.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
27	Could it be used as a museum?	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
28	Use the Museum as a Kittery version of Discover Portsmouth. It could house the historical society and have a partnership with the shipyard concerning displays and archives.	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
29	Have the town of Kittery, (or the State) to designate the building on the historic register list. Another option is to have a clause in the purchase that the building appearance (inside and out) cannot be significantly altered.	6/15/2016 3:01 PM
30	Inasmuch as the library trustees want to locate the new library at the community center, make preservation of the old building part of the deal to allow them to relocate there	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
31	Simple! Kittery can't support a BOSON TYPE library. Computers are replacing books.we are self- des	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
32	Libraries in their historic form are like the dinosaur - the internet has made them an anachronism. They way to preserve the Rice Library is to find another use for the building, one that can pay for its upkeep and that doesn't spoil its character. One thought is for the town to develop its own high-speed internet to attract internet-related businesses. The Rice Library could be the center of that effort and still maintain its "library" connection.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
33	It could be sold with various protective easements in place that might reduce the value but protect the property.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
34	Turn it into a museum or visitor center, but keep it open to the public.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
35	Some of us are working with the PNSY to convert the library as a repository for artifacts and memorabilia from the Navy Yard for public access and viewing. The town needs to realize the value of this architectural gem	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
36	Retain ownership and reuse for another town department or lease/rent	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
37	See above. Unless there are rules you cannot hold people accountable for them.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
38	Is the Library building property of the town? If so, we can just decide to keep it. If not, maybe we could buy it.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
39	Town ownership	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
40	Retain ownership.	6/13/2016 12:58 PM

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Q3 HUNTING Did you know that you can hunt some type of animal every day of the year in Kittery, except Sunday? Reportedly several Kittery residents have heard bullets “whizzing by” them as they walked through the Town Forest. How do we respect the rights of hunters to engage in their sport and simultaneously ensure the safety of all residents?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 8

#	Responses	Date
1	I would propose limiting hunting on all town-owned land (including the Town Forest) to only deer hunting during a specific 2 week period in the fall/winter.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	we are not rural. we shouldn't have hunting here no matter what.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Reading the question the answer is pretty obvious. Hunting should not be allowed in the Town Forest. You don't build a community around a bit of land for the townspeople to enjoy hiking and nature walks, then have them dodge bullets. Obviously, safety is the priority. They have plenty of other places to kill animals.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	Publicize the dates and months of hunting widely. Try to limit hunting to areas that are more contained and less integrated with housing.	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
5	There should not be any hunting within certain Town areas. They should be posted has no hunting areas	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
6	Look into archaic hunting laws....why is there a season on crows for example? And no property designated as recreational should invite hunting! Total conflict of interest!	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
7	Education, signage and police/game warden enforcements of laws	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
8	Making it more noted where hunting grounds are, letting residents know the risk of walking there. Keep hunting alive	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
9	Question itself is poorly drafted and begs the answer. I presume Kittery only permits shotguns [i.e., pellets], not "bullets 'whizzing by' them" C'mon, ask fairer questions. Although not a hunter [and one who thinks gun use should be severely restricted], I also think public lands should be available to SAFE use by all. Perhaps provide restrictions to hunting on several days which may have positive effect of culling deer and others that will otherwise become nuisances.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
10	Is there a right to hunt?? Safety first for all residents.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
11	Teach people to be aware of the rules and to wear bright colors or even restrict people to hunt during certain hours or times of the year.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM
12	I would hope that state hunting laws would be sufficient to ensure safety, and that the only issue would be one of enforcement, which would be a state issue. In that case, the town needs to approach the state to make sure we are getting our fair share of enforcement coverage. On the other hand, if we have a legitimate safety issue that is not covered by state law, I would assume we can pass ordinances specifying larger buffer areas around non-hunting recreation areas, or possibly closing some areas to hunting. However, if safety arguments are being raised as an excuse to limit hunting for reasons of animal rights, then this is a different conversation. Hunting is a historic Maine tradition. I am glad to know that people are hunting in Kittery, assuming they are doing so legally and ethically. If our hunters are not following best practices, then we need a stronger education effort, one presumably co-led by both hunters and non-hunting recreationists. I guess I would also have to ask if the people who felt the bullets came too close were wearing blaze orange? The problem may be one where people from urban backgrounds are not aware of the risk, or Maine's hunting tradition. Maybe we just need to educate more non-hunters about what the different hunting seasons/rules are, and when it is most important to wear orange. Do we have signs and fliers in public places frequented by people who might find themselves in/near hunting areas? Would the hunting community take the lead on this? With the foodie movement in full swing, I bet some of the inexperienced public would be interested to learn a little about hunting, and why some people undertake it. Personally, I would rather my dinner have spent a life in the woods than in an industrial-scale animal feedlot.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM

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13	Too many whinny liberals moving into town that want things the way they had it in Massachusetts. Hunting is a tradition and necessary to maintain the best genes.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
14	There are state hunting laws. Why aren't these enforced - strictly!	6/21/2016 8:29 PM
15	Hunters should NEVER have a right to hunt in a populated area. Let hunters go elsewhere and preserve all open space for safe and responsible access for all.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
16	wear appropriate clothing when walking in an area that can be used as hunting grounds.	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
17	no hunting within the city limits. Safety first.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
18	Make citizens aware that hunting is allowed and that this is not barbaric but a generations-old tradition that continues to be a source of food and sustenance to citizens. There is ample space in town for hunting and preservation, and all parties should recognize and respect the individual choices people make with regard to sport.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
19	Regulate hours it is legal to ensure safety of walkers which is mainly daytime. Hunting shouldn't be allowed where people walk dogs. Period. End of story.	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
20	I do not appreciate hearing minutes of gunfire behind my house late in the evening, or really at any time of day. It is so close and it terrifies me. I don't know the mapped off areas of the Kittery forests where gun hunting is allowed, and the times it is allowed. I hate to think of walking in the woods one day and being accidentally shot, or have a bullet hit us from a missed shot from the woods. I need more information on the limits and rules here and I am not happy with the current situation.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
21	Hunting in a residential area should not be allowed. I do not want to deny hunters their rights, I would like then to hunt in large open spaces suitable for firing a weapon.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
22	why is hunting allowed in the town forest? just restrict it.	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
23	Post signs on ALL public property where hunting is allowed to notify people. And make sure hunters are aware of areas that are used by the public, where they are not allowed to hunt.	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
24	hunter education classes?	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
25	Make sure the property is posted "no hunting" if it is frequented by people who walk the trails. As we build more homes, hunters will be forced to go elsewhere to hunt.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
26	The population has grown significantly. Why are bullets "whizzing by" anyone. Hunters need to put safety first which means not hunting in congested areas even if it was done in the past.	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
27	ban hunting in areas of a certain population	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
28	Limit areas of use for hunting.	6/15/2016 3:01 PM
29	Make hunting only in designated areas and away from homes.	6/15/2016 2:59 PM
30	Ban hunting on public land	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
31	We are self destructing. As the population grows we will be loosening more of our rights.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
32	Limit hunting to bow and arrow or crossbow.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
33	I have had close calls in the Town Forest myself--scary to both me and the hunter. I know the hunters don't want to hear this, but some parcels like the town forest have gotten extremely skinny over the years. It almost seems like it should go the other way around -- a few designated days for hunting in the Forest (especially to control deer), with some kind of lottery if there are too many hunters.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
34	Limit hunting to certain posted locations and/or times.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
35	Simple - enforce the existing laws that regulate the discharge of firearms in proximity to buildings.	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
36	Restrict hunting to specific time periods and prohibit it in places where public safety could be compromised. Enforce violations.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
37	We can limit hunting in the Town Forest to certain weeks during the year.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
38	Designate areas for hunting vs hiking.	6/13/2016 12:58 PM

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Q4 DOGS ON THE BEACHReportedly many Kittery dog owners bring their dogs to the beach and some, do not clean up after their pets. During summer months this is exacerbated because some people are also made uncomfortable when dogs are on the beach while they are swimming, sunbathing, and/or picnicking .How do we strike a balance between dog owners desire to bring their dog to the beaches and the desire of others for clean and peaceful beaches?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 4

#	Responses	Date
1	It seems like there already is balance, as I believe dogs are not allowed on the beach during the day in the summer. There should be steep fines for owners that do not clean up after their dog, and this should be strongly enforced by KPD.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	dogs are only allowed during certain hours during peak summer days--that covers those 'uncomfy' people. as for picking up dog poo? ticket them. heavily. And, make the beaches in Kittery for residents only.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Just enforce clean-up policy. People generally love well behaved dogs.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	The privilege of bringing dogs to the beach should be only for kittery residents. currently ever dog walker in the seacoast uses these beaches. there should be beaches designated for dog walking and others that are off limits to dogs. A beach area at fort foster would be the best for May through september as this would ensure that the owners are kittery residents (passes) and/or they have paid for the privilege with a pass. this would keep other beaches cleaner and safer for swimmers. It is too unpleasant to be in the water and have a dog defecating in your eyesight!	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
5	I think dogs should be on a leash at all times on the beach. Maybe a committee of committed people that will keep the beach clean regardless of who's dog crap it is to help. Maybe a beach Ranger to make sure rules are followed	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
6	Create seasonal times for pets at the beaches...for example, in the summer, beaches could be off limits from 7 am to 7 pm. Enforcement is the issue...perhaps volunteer patrolling scouts to politely remind owners about rules?	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
7	Proper signage, trash cans and doggie waste bags go a long way. Enough with the rules as restricting access to seapoint is a narrow minded solution. Deal with problem, don't just close eliminate access and cater to the vocal minority. Certain everyone in Kittery uses the resources of the greater Seacoast community (parks, beaches, etc.) yet we don't want to share our own	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
8	Have a beach just for dogs, it is important they have a space to play and run, if people do not like dogs they obviously have issues	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
9	Charge violators either via fine for not picking up or animal control people prohibit certain dogs/owners who are unsafe from using facilities. Really an enforcement problem, nothing else.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
10	Enforcement. More of it. I can say almost every time I go to beach do g owners are disregarding the time they can be there, disregarding leashing them, and not cleaning up. This Saturday was my latest with witnessing this	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
11	Already done - the times dogs are allowed already corresponds to beach usage.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
12	Establish fines for people caught not cleaning up after their pets. Put trash cans along the beach to make it easy for people to throw away stuff. Do a three strike policy. After a certain amount of non clean up, close the beach to dogs and explain why.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM
13	I don't think dogs should be allowed on beaches during summer. It is unfair to too many people, especially children and elderly. There are plenty of other places where dogs are welcome, and they can use the beach other times of year.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM

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14	no dogs on the beaches from 9 to 5 during the summer. Dogs should be leashed as people do not really control the dogs. Enforce those that do not pick up after their animals	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
15	I have been told by police that there is a NOT a scoop law in Kittery. I inquired about this because specific dogs always use my yard as a toilet and I watch the owners walk away. FINES - strictly enforced as well as dog tags are all income producers to the town & create a more friendly environment.	6/21/2016 8:29 PM
16	Dogs should NOT be allowed on the beaches. Period.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
17	inflict a overly absurd fine for not cleaning up after your dog. Then strongly enforce to make sure word gets out there. As far as beach time, set early morning and early evening times for dog use times.	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
18	Limit the areas of the beach where dogs can be walked. Many dog walkers are coming from nearby towns that don't allow dog walking on the beach, so our restrictions should mirror portsmouth and york.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
19	Again, it comes down to respect. If dog owners are not respectful of non-dog lovers (similar to parents recognizing that children are a choice not made by all), then rights should be curtailed. The town should establish very clear and readily available policies (posted clearly at all locations) and the dog community should self-police for compliance, recognizing that non-compliance will be met by a curtailing of these rights.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
20	Enforce cleanup and have designated clean up days. Everyone here has dogs. Let's all be mindful. During daytime hours, leash law. Easy peasy!	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
21	Not many beaches allow dogs and i think it is nice to see one that does allow them. In other towns dogs are allows on beaches Sept 15 - May 15, not in the summer when most populated with people. Or, dogs could have a sectioned off part of the beach. I don't think we should ever do what Portsmouth did in Prescott Park and ban dogs altogether.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
22	Dogs should be leashed at all times when fort foster is open to cars, everywhere inside the park. We do not have bad dogs, we have irresponsible owners and they should be fined. The rules are on the books, the town needs to figure out enforcement. A few tickets given out will scare the masses into picking up their dog poop and leasing their dog.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
23	dogs should be on a leash and any owner who does not clean up should be fined	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
24	fine irresponsible dog owners that don't clean up after their dog and that don't obey the leash laws. Don't we have certain hours that unleashed dogs are allowed and the rest of the time they must be leashed? Follow through with the already existing rules!	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
25	These dog friendly beaches are really important to the community and they should not be altered to meet the needs of those who don't appreciate dogs. That said, we need to strike a balance. Ensure animal enforcement laws during dog prohibited times at local beaches could help. The dog poop issue is trickier, but again could come down to enforcement.	6/16/2016 12:14 PM
26	If this is indeed a problem, a not a matter of a few upset citizens, it seems that the restriction of animals on the aforementioned areas is the only way to achieve what you are asking. That however, also seems to be a disservice the greater community.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
27	Put doggie bag stations in places where people walk their dogs. If they don't pick up after their animals, fine them.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
28	Dog owners need to be responsible. Leashes and careful watching of pets is important. We will lose our right to bring dogs to beach if we are not responsible. No one wants to step in dog waste or be jumped on. I support restricting the hours they are allowed on the beach.	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
29	I personally am not a fan of dogs on the beach. I see a lot of out of town cars and the beach is overrun by dogs. I feel we should limit dogs to the morning hours only.	6/15/2016 4:31 PM
30	keep all dogs on a leash	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
31	Install 'poop' bag stations which will help remind owners to clean up after their pets.	6/15/2016 3:01 PM
32	I think the current situation of allowing dogs only during certain hours strikes a good balance. Perhaps installation of dog bag dispensers with signage urging people to clean up and report others who do not.	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
33	There are NO BAD DOGS. Just self centered, arrogant, selfish owners. The Dogs will loose because of a few.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
34	Have a dog park at the beach.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
35	I think the evening hours system works well now, although it's not perfect. Perhaps more signage at Sea Point with "rules for dogs". I've had been ask me "do you live in this town" because I was annoyed by dogs diving into an evening picnic.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
36	Again, limit locations and/or times.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
37	Adopt the existing regulations in neighboring towns such as York, New Castle, Rye, Ogunquit, Wells, and Hampton Beach.	6/14/2016 10:36 PM

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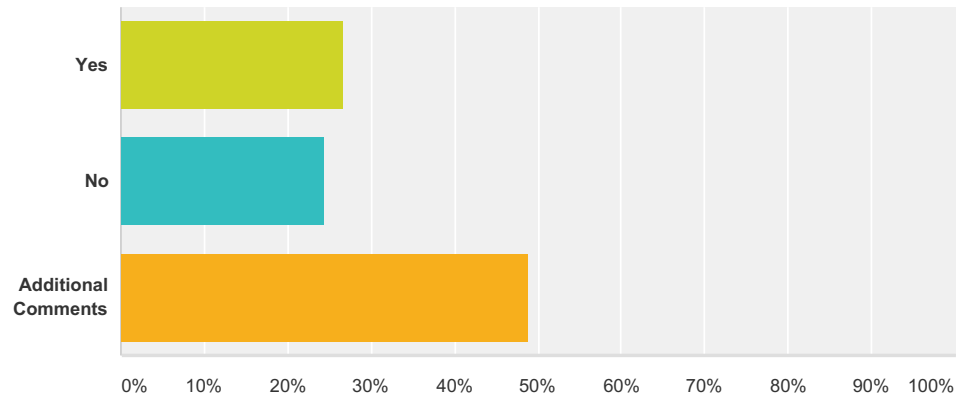
38	Restrict the dogs allowed times to early mornings and late afternoons. Cleaning up after your dog needs to be enforced. The police or dog officer needs to get out of their car and walk these areas. People see the car and control their dogs so walking may allow a better result	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
39	We need more enforcement period. Good dog owners, who pay taxes like everyone else, should not be punished or unreasonably restricted because of bad actors. Issue tickets to violators. And Kittery needs its own dog park. I do not bring my dog to the beach often because I take him to Portsmouth to socialize with other dogs. But it is not fair to Portsmouth...I am a tax payer in Kittery and I want my town to have its own park.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
40	We have rules that work - those rules need to be enforced.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
41	I think that the current early morning/early evening daily time windows "in season" allowing dogs on our beaches is a fair balance. What to do about "some people" who do not cleanup is always a going to be a problem. Fortunately, they are very few in number. If witnessing a slacker in this regard, talk to the guilty dog owner.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
42	Designate certain times that dogs are permitted.	6/13/2016 12:58 PM

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Q5 ATHLETIC FIELDS

The Athletic Fields Master Plan identifies the need for more playing venues as well as a series of other recommendations to help maximize access and use of existing fields. Would you support implementing the recommendations of the Athletic Fields Study even if it meant an increase in your taxes?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	26.67% 12
No	24.44% 11
Additional Comments	48.89% 22
Total	45

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	It depends on how much of an increase in taxes you're talking about.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	think long term people, improve things for kids/adults more people will want to move to kittery, buy more houses, increase tax base, buy new cars, increase excise contribution, etc. amenities=long term good	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	I don't see how my tax dollars should go toward creating any athletic field for any school to use. I see this as a tremendous opportunity to show the kids that stuff doesn't grow on trees and if we want something like that we're going to have to work for it and then get creative with ways to make money	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
4	Only a very small increase! I would favor a volunteer committee.	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
5	Absolutely. Outside of providing great resources for healthy activities for local, if designed right it can also serve as a community hub. Additionally you could monetize the investment by renting out fields	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
6	Impossible to answer w/o more facts as to cost, expected use, etc.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
7	Not opposed, but not biggest priority, either. Would like to see public/private partnership here.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
8	We are a small town with a small population and adequate facilities. There is no need for fields to be build for specific sports such as Lacrosse. They can mark out the area with cones or flags and go play. Kittery does not have enough participants and all this is driven by a small and vocal group.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM

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9	a one time fund to get the study done is not out of the question, but increased revenue from taxes to be funneled in the future is quite out of the question	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
10	only if the study limited it's recommendations to solutions that do not expand the size or scope of town government.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
11	Yes, this is critical when families are choosing a town in which to live. Parents expend a significant amount of disposable income on sports training for their children. This raises the bar on how communities should support these endeavors. Poor quality fields reflect poorly on parents and make them question a town's commitment to all citizens. This will pay dividends down the road.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
12	No, if the city is going to frivolously make Martin Rd residents pay obscene amounts of money for betterment fees, I do not support the increase of any other taxes period.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
13	I do agree that we need major upgrades to our athletic fields, but I think this plan is very excessive. It outlines adding more softball fields and creating new lacrosse fields, but what people don't see is that just to get enough girls on a softball team they have 3rd-6th grade girls all plying together on the same teams. there just isnt enough feamle athletes to sustain these 2 sports for the long term so it would be a crazy investment. Our taxes are already increasing for so many other reasons. If we keep this up young famlies like my own will not be able to afford to live in Kittery and there wont be a need for all these athletic fields.	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
14	Yes, if it includes playground space.	6/16/2016 12:14 PM
15	unfortunately no, not on the backs of the taxpayers. It needs to be a priority of the Town to find it in the Annual Budget	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
16	Our fields are over used and there is not enough open space to use during peak times. As result we restrict practice time or cut seasons short, which is not fair to our children.	6/15/2016 4:31 PM
17	Kittery can't support BOSTON Ideas!	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
18	Don't know Athletic Study	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
19	I'm not familiar with the report but it seems like we spend a lot of energy on sports for younger kids, without many resources going to other activities, especially for the non-athletic or for high school kids who have aged out of many sports and no longer play them.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
20	no, let's allocate more funds to the sciences and technology to prepare our students for careers that will enable them to earn a reliable career and living wage by being abnle to afford to live in Kittery	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
21	I would have to read the report and consider the basis for the recommendations.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
22	There needs to be an appropriate balance between the development of athletic field assets as indentified by the "Athletic Field Study" and other aspired uses of town owner land. For example, turning the Kittery's Community Campus into a sports complex as laid out the the "Athletic Field Study" is excessive particularly when juxtaposed to the mid to longer demographic futures for the Kittery: few children, older, etc....	6/14/2016 7:39 AM

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Q6 OUTLETSThe rise of on-line shopping and the development of other regional outlets have resulted in a decrease in demand for the Kittery shops; several stores closed just last year. The buildings are also reaching the end of their lifecycle. What would you like to see in this area of Town in the future as it evolves? How would you like it to look?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 5

#	Responses	Date
1	Smart development of mixed retail/residential with a focus on growing our tax base!	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	I disagree, people like to shop there. I think there should be a massive pier and boardwalk there. do it so it doesn't impact ecology, sure it can be done, would be great tourist draw to an already touristy area.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	In a perfect world, bulldoze it all and let Nature take over. But the area of State road around Golden Harvest and the few galleries is a great example of land well used.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	Move the library over there. There is ample parking and good light.	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
5	It can't look any worse than it does right now so I'm not tremendously worried about it. I would love to see a bulldozer take the whole thing down but I don't want it to turn into residential area either. I feel we have a got enough people in this town already without building new homes and encouraging people to move here.	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
6	Green space!	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
7	Workforce housing and offices/worker space for craftsman, artisans, tech and culinary. Given the very real culinary status our town has gained, lets invest back into a culinary incubator for the next wave of entrpeneuers	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
8	The outlets provide so many jobs, we need to do everything in our power to save them	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
9	As a town, we have little input w what happens. It will be a commercial decision.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
10	Open air multi use facilities with views and food	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
11	Great place for some affordable workforce housing. Also maybe grocery store, other non-discount retail? And recreational access to Spruce Creek.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
12	Have a grocery store come in to one of the empty spaces or move the visitor center over there which would allow for more traffic and people see that it there.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM
13	I don't know the mall area or its dynamics well, but let's try to see this as potentially a positive shift. It was once a beautiful area, before the sprawling development. Find creative ways to turn it into a mixed-use area. That is the new trend nationally for dying suburban malls. See The Sprawl Repair Manual and Fixing Suburbia. Maybe some use that would be valued by the community at large for indoor recreation. Try to convert a space to arts-oriented small businesses? Artists, dance, music, etc.? And low-impact development of outdoor recreation options would be great – trails, anything to get people thinking about alternatives to the status quo. We know that easy-access trails raise real estate values.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
14	Find tax revenue and stop cutting deals.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
15	Hotels and green space. Tourist are good for the area but we need to keep that also under control as they come into town.	6/21/2016 8:29 PM
16	As much as I dislike this part of Route 1, these stores bring tax dollars to town. I would like to see more craft/ art/ entrepreneurial businesses have gallery and manufacturing space that is open to the public. Also, more local restaurants, not chains.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
17	The need to draw in other business is a must, if there is less and less demand for building space for commerce in the outlet area. The question of why are we building another park comes to mind.	6/21/2016 6:29 AM

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18	redevelop the area creatively to be next generation artist, small business and multi-use spaces. Community college space. Performing arts or entertainment.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
19	Mixed use, including housing, professional office space, and retail. It is unlikely that apparel buying will be supported like it was prior to the Great Recession. Buying power is focused in other areas, especially as the professional industries continue to go with less formal dress codes.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
20	Think it out or condeneed it. Small supermarket. Kittery needs pet supply store too.	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
21	Like downtown Portsmouth. Local shops in historical and maintained buildings. Lets not lose the charm and turn downtown into an outlet industrial strip. Kittery is up and coming because of it's seaside charm and history.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
22	Retail and residential mix. It does work.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
23	trees	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
24	Nature parks and gardens. A space for youth like a, skate park, arcade, bowling, swimming pool. Everything that has been happening in kittery has been geared towards older wealthy people again we are not Portsmouth and we are not York! We need to do more for our youth!	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
25	Sure would be a nice park, in the middle of all that commercial madness. how about another exit to 95 to cut down on Route One summer traffic.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
26	Put in more businesses that benefit the community. How about a grocery store?	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
27	Apartments with parks around them and a few good shops and restaurants in walking distance. Some kind of public transportation.	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
28	I would like to see it continue as a "shopping" area maybe supplemented with restaurants or other attractions that keep the tourist coming to the town.	6/15/2016 4:31 PM
29	more restaurants and specialty stores	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
30	Begin to designate areas for micro housing, small businesses or a 'business' corridor.	6/15/2016 3:01 PM
31	In other parts of the country new retail centers look like town centers with small retail shops laid out in grids and larger box stores in back. Some even incorporate housing along with that. There isn't a lot of developable land there so not sure that could work	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
32	As mentioned above, the internet is not only making a library as we know it a thing of the past, so it is also affecting retail sales. To avoid the resemblance to many Florida Malls that have failed, we should figure a way to use the internet growth to our advantage. In the Mall area this means we should establish a strong internet service for internet-related businesses and maybe give tax breaks to start-ups. The internet business generally hires young people and pays well - just the type of residents we would like to change the demographic population bias towards the elderly we now have.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
33	Ideally, less asphalt around Spruce Creek, and more green space.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
34	The new shopping center in MA is a good system. It incorporates retail, recreational, and community elements instead of just retail.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
35	Change zoning to allow mixed use - specifically affordable housing for technically skilled workers	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
36	The town needs more fields for children and their sports, we don't need stores that don't pay taxes.	6/14/2016 9:43 PM
37	Not sure but I would not be sad to see the outlets go. With a 5.5% sales tax it is little wonder the stores are closing. With spruce creek right there, getting more stores like the Trading post would be great. The area is not walking friendly and the building are awful. Look at Freeport then look at Kittery. Huge difference.	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
38	It is unclear what area of town you mean? The Outlets? He Foreside is very vibrant...but we need a redevelopment plan Malls.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
39	Maybe some "pocket parks" to make it a more pleasant experience for shoppers and making it look more attractive.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
40	This may seem incongruous, but that given that the decline in demand for brick and mortar retail assets will continue, why not incent the development of enterprise zones within the Kittery outlet area for "clean" startup/incubator like business space as has been done in urban areas such Detroit whose downtown area planning efforts have spawned a number of new business development. Sounds far fetched, but nationally, some very creative "shopping center" reuse strategies have taken root. Think of it as in terms of creating "button factories" (ref. Portsmouth's Button Factory) for businesses.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
41	A walkable experience through replicated historic structures and shops and an area for farmers market items throughout the year, fish markets, artist space, etc...	6/13/2016 12:58 PM

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Q7 ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR **The Mixed Use Zone north of the outlet malls has not seen much development in the last ten years. The new Sarah Long bridge will bring new opportunities and challenges to the Route 1 corridor. What kind of development do you think is most appropriate for the future along the Town's major commercial spine, specifically along Route 1 in the area from Haley Road to the York line?**

Answered: 37 Skipped: 9

#	Responses	Date
1	Smart development of mixed retail/residential with a focus on growing our tax base!	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	same as what's there b/c you can't make it 'charming'. stores/restaurants, etc. bring the visitors so they bring their money to town.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Isn't it obvious when reading the above question? Malls are losing money and relevancy. There should also be some kind of obvious difference when you leave one state and enter another. Right now, Route 1 in Mass, like the Peabody area, looks pretty much like Route 1 in Kittery. Soo wrong. I think no new development is necessary, there should be areas along Route 1 where people realize they are not in Mass anymore, they might even see a tree! Otherwise, why would they continue to come here. Maine is known for its beautiful nature and wildlife, not strip malls. Plus I have never seen full parking lots at all those motels along the bypass. And on a personal note, before we moved here 13 yrs ago and came up a few times a year, we never got off 95 before the York or Wells exit, if we wanted to shop at outlet stores, we did it at home. Maine is for beauty and nature.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	The traffic will be increased so there road would have to be widened if there is to be further development on this area.	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
5	I don't understand how a new bridge would impact the area any more than the old bridge but I don't really feel that area needs to be revitalized or developed in any way	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
6	No more development!	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
7	Stop calling it the bypass and make it more accessible and less highway like. Pedestrian and bikes should get priority and that sets the infrastructure for work force housing	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
8	Not sure on this matter	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
9	General commercial [not shopping].	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
10	Anything but big box stores	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
11	Same as above.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
12	Again, I don't know this area well, but it seems to be an extension of the sprawl problem. As long as we envision big-box-driven development happening along strips of road instead of smaller businesses in town centers, separated by green spaces that support a range of outdoor activities, we will have a number of substantial problems. If that area isn't developing quickly, maybe we should designate some green space while we can. Do we have to build everywhere? There are some pleasant, rural areas there that are disappearing as development sprawls along route 1. If we maintain the mall area as high density, but more mixed use and hopefully more walkable in the future, then can the more northern extent be more open space? Part of the idea of having dense areas is to relieve pressure on less-built areas. Again, low-impact development of outdoor recreation options would be great – trails, maybe a community garden, anything to get people thinking about alternatives to the status quo. We know that easy-access trails raise real estate values.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
13	Taxable businesses	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
14	Out of focus. Let developers do their thing. It's time to focus on... "What is downtown Kittery and how to you get there and around it".	6/21/2016 8:29 PM

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15	This area should retain its rural setting and not have any additional strip malls. A site should be identified for a small business incubator with entrepreneurial focus to innovative manufacturing.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
16	The town needs to think about the areas that are currently developed before destroying more natural areas.	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
17	Same as how malls could be redeveloped, into mixed use. Could also be specialized recreation like outdoor sports, adventure sports, and competitive field space.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
18	Use some of it to build affordable housing for the middle to low income mentioned below.	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
19	Not in support of any development that tears down all the beautiful trees. Not in support of over development just for developments sake. I moved away from the North shore in Massachusetts because of this, just industrial strips everywhere and cars and exhaust. Lets not over develop and remove the forests.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
20	Retail, residential and a grocery store.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
21	I think its to crowded now how about more green spaces	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
22	Provide reasonable zoning and let the marketplace determine that.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
23	More affordable apartment complexes.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
24	Can we avoid big box stores with huge parking lots in front of them. I'd hate to see a strip like willow st in Manchester	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
25	small shops and businesses	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
26	Business park area, (like Pease), sports complex for Kittery.	6/15/2016 3:01 PM
27	The concept of small villages mentioned above may work better in that area as there is more land available.	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
28	I'm not in favor of planning, per se, because change occurs from unanticipated sources - i.e., the internet in the past ten years. Planning thus often heads in the wrong direction, witness so many government programs that have failed at large expense. Let the market place bring ideas as they are developed and then react to them either positively or negatively.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
29	The area is known as a "dead zone." I think the mixed use is appropriate and it will grow over time. There is a nice diversity now, with Pigs Fly and the Safe Flight climbing place.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
30	I am not qualified to answer this question.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
31	Change the minimum lot size zoning - seek input from Tom Emerson who has a breadth of knowledge on these evolving issues - he serves on the Planning Board and Economic Development Committee	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
32	Fields	6/14/2016 9:43 PM
33	Like it the way it is	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
34	Mixed use.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
35	Commercial use with high-density residential.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
36	I am not resistant to development in general, but please, no more retail development north of Haley Road particularly given the emerging decline of retail assets both nationally and locally. I would not permit further development of restaurants either.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
37	No development. Keep new development in the area around the outlets.	6/13/2016 12:58 PM

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Q8 HOUSING DIVERSITYHousing prices, both ownership and rental, have been steadily increasing over time. The rise in cost is squeezing the lower- and middle-income households in Kittery and creating challenges with housing affordability. What should the Town do to support housing that is affordable to lower and middle-income households? Where are appropriate locations to encourage new housing development to support this goal?

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#	Responses	Date
1	See my comments to 7 and 8 above.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	Any place you have existing construction that is not being used.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
3	I don't think Kittery needs a project like they have in Dover if that's what this means. This is a tough question. If you can't afford a house then you don't get to have one. If you cant afford to go to the county fair, you stay home. Everybody doesn't deserve a house however everyone deserves a place to live. I wouldn't mind a few more places kind of like that apartment building on 236 near Gagne brick... but no projects	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
4	Tax breaks? I just do not know.	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
5	Incentivize its development through tax incentives. Outlets, Rt 1 corridor and the water district lot.	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
6	We need to keep kittery alive and young people need to be able to afford to live here	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
7	Every "becoming upscale" local has this issue. Check out what is going on with our neighbors. Rt, 236 and Rt 103 toward York are marginally developed ...	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
8	Any chance in working with the govt on anything available in admiralty village? Or perhaps that route 1 corridor can be developed for affordable housing?	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
9	Route 1 corridor from Putleys to York.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
10	Closer to the Foreside would be best. Lower the property taxes for landlords that offer lower rents for people of lower income. We have to leave Kittery and move to Dover, NH becasue it is cheaper. Encourage landlords not to ban dogs. That is a very big barrier.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM
11	Research shows that creation of even high-end housing generally increases overall housing availability, relieves pressure on mid-range tiers, and thereby alleviates upward price forces on all housing. It may make sense to encourage workforce and lower-income housing, but it may also make sense to encourage density in general. Kittery has a lot of very pretty, semi-rural, semi-suburban areas with low-density development, but they aren't fiscally or ecologically sustainable, nor do they encourage strong community ties among residents, because people there don't interact much. They only pass each other in cars, not on the sidewalk. Lower-income people need more dense social support networks. If we can encourage new, small units in/near the high density areas, we can get more housing without sacrificing open spaces, boost the overall supply, and keep prices down somewhat. The one caveat might be that really high end luxury development might attract people from out of town instead of housing local people, so I am not thinking of condos with boat slips. On the other hand, I think a community land trust would be neat, especially if it could target arts-oriented residents, such as with studio space. This could be both a lower/middle income housing option and an economic boost, since we know from many other cases (Portsmouth, Portland, Providence, etc.) that where art and artists become permanent fixtures, other businesses and wealth follow.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
12	Route one Corridor or mall areas	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
13	North part of route 1 and west of 95.	6/21/2016 8:29 PM

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14	The Town should undertake an energy efficiency program with CMP to make sure all homes and businesses are properly insulated and energy efficiency. Small loans can be provided for remediation work and paid back through the utility bill. By making the housing more efficient lowers the living costs. Affordable housing along Route 1 from the river north to the traffic circle would allow residents to walk to local stores and the library.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
15	By the looks of what the town has done so far, the answer to the ever expanding housing market has already been answered.	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
16	where? throughout the town, don't make another "admiralty village," support a real number small multi-family dwellings, townhouse style, keep the square footages down to make them affordable and practical for low and middle income people.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
17	A key piece of development is also balancing resource protection. There is no need for our wetland bylaw to be so restrictive. It does not automatically protect wetlands, it is a tool to prevent development. This should be changed.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
18	Not sure.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
19	Mix of housing and retail on the route one corridor	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
20	stop development. cut taxes. give property owners over 65 a break they don't have children in school and use few resources. let them live in their homes without worrying about being taxed out.	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
21	STOP DEVELOPING! Why is everyone pushing so much development and growth in Kittery? Who is really benefiting? NOT the resident its only good for the developers and business owners who more often then not don't even live in Kittery,. While our taxes keep getting increased and property values continue to go up to support these developments, it gets harder for families to afford it here. We don't need new housing development we need to conserve our land, and do a better job of controlling our budget. The town council and town employees need to seek funding from grant and fundraising for the towns various projects BEFORE putting the burden of the bill on the tax payers.	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
22	tax incentives seem to be the only thing the town could do to promote this housing. The water district is sure the perfect spot for a mid-size, affordable, affordable housing and shopping complex	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
23	See #8 above.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
24	not sure	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
25	micro housing, route 1 corridor	6/15/2016 3:01 PM
26	Density bonuses for affordable housing is a good place to start. Again, I think the area north of the malls may be suitable although better highway access would help. I think there is a perception that the town is hostile to new development, particularly affordable. I was involved in the Woodland Commons project on Rt 1 and there was a lot of opposition to that.	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
27	Most municipal housing projects become failures - centers for crime, welfare misuse, poor education,etc. - the secret then is not to provide housing but to support it, if necessary. Other municipalities have developed ingenious methods of doing this. Let's look into how they might be applied here. Where? How about the Rte 1 corridor?	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
28	When I look at real estate, it seems like there is a good variety of housing options now. However, properties in the Village could be spruced up so they are more attractive to middle-income home buyers.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
29	Land is hard to come by, but affordable housing should be made available.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
30	Route 1 Bypass, the malls on Route 1 north to the York line	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
31	Put a limit on building size. Stop allowing people from out of town to come here and tear down houses and build to lot max. Kittery is losing its small town coastal feel. Long time residents are being driven out. Kittery needs to just say no and fight to keep Kittery a small town	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
32	Give incentives to landlords who maintain affordable housing stock. Incentivize workforce housing development. Encourage density where appropriate... Be mindful of sprawl. Kids should be able to walk to school and to after school activities.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
33	I like the idea of a mixed-income tiny house park in walking distance from State Rd near Govt St.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
34	Creating land use regulations which incent the building of affordable housing is imperative. The out migration of young adults/families for lack of affordable housing bodes very badly for the future community vitality of Kittery. We must promote affordable housing with due sensitivity to preserving adequate open space and mitigating environmental impacts. It's a balancing act for sure. Change is inevitable. With enlightened land use regulation, future land use can be managed appropriately.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
35	Provide opportunities to refurbish older homes. See number 1.	6/13/2016 12:58 PM

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Q9 BIKE FACILITIES We have heard from many residents that they would like improved and increased opportunities or bicycling. Where would you most like to see the Town provide accommodations for bicyclists including wide shoulders, shared lanes, bike lanes and separated bike paths?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 9

#	Responses	Date
1	This is a challenge as the most desirable biking route is 103 along the water... which is also the most dangerous route due to no shoulder. That said, there is no space to expand the shoulder in most locations. Maybe painting a bike lane along 103 would at least help?	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	Route 103 is deadly. Start there. Model it after Bristol, RI that has a gorgeous bike path, paved, safe, used by walkers, runners, etc. again, brings people and residents to town.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Anywhere but 103.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	The route along 103 needs a bike path/shoulder for safety. It is a very popular bike/running route and with increased traffic very dangerous	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
5	103 and 101	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
6	Route 103....it is a popular bike route and is dangerous.	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
7	Foreside, Rt 1, 103	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
8	No bike people do not respect the road way	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
9	On some secondary roads, Rt 103, etc.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
10	103 is a nightmare when cyclists are on it. Not sure how to improve it as there isn't much room!	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
11	103 -- it's a serious hazard!!	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
12	They can share the road as long as they held to the same standards as drivers and are sited for running red lights and ignoring stop signs and rights of way. It is out of control over by the Memorial Bridge and Government Street.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM
13	We first need good, safe, well-protected biking routes across/between the Memorial and Sarah Long Bridges, downtown Kittery, the high school, the community center, then extending outward in all directions. The high-density areas are most likely to be used by people who wish to bypass traffic, don't have cars, and have more in-town lifestyles that are amenable to transit alternatives. They are also most likely to be used by tourists from Portsmouth who would spend money in Kittery. We would also be getting more cars off the road, which is good for traffic inconveniences, for safety, for air quality, and to slow climate change. It would be great if high school kids had better biking options, at least those who live close by or might remain in the downtown area for a while after school. So many teens are happiest and most invested in their surroundings if they don't have to rely on parents for car rides. Anything to get the shipyard commuters out of cars and onto bikes would be great, to lessen that traffic, and I believe their leadership is supportive of it.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
14	Dedicated roadway paths do nothing but encourage less experienced people to take their kids for a ride on the traffic circle. A bad idea all the way around and will yet again raise taxes. It should be proposed to the people that want more athletic fields and bike paths that if they want these items, they need to raise money and pay for them themselves. This will make the "wants" understand the real "needs" of our town.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
15	SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC! The speed of traffic in general in town is amazing and I literally have never seen speed traps or any attempt to bring it down. But... I have seen several people just about die. When the shipyard gets out - it is INSANE! Out of towners take their lives into their own hands - if on a bike, it is extremely dangerous!! Slow Down Traffic. Time for Police to do their job and build a revenue stream for those who "need" to speed.	6/21/2016 8:29 PM
16	Kittery should join the Complete Streets program. With newly paved Route 103, bike lanes should be painted and the vehicle lanes reduced in size to both control traffic speed but also biker safety.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM

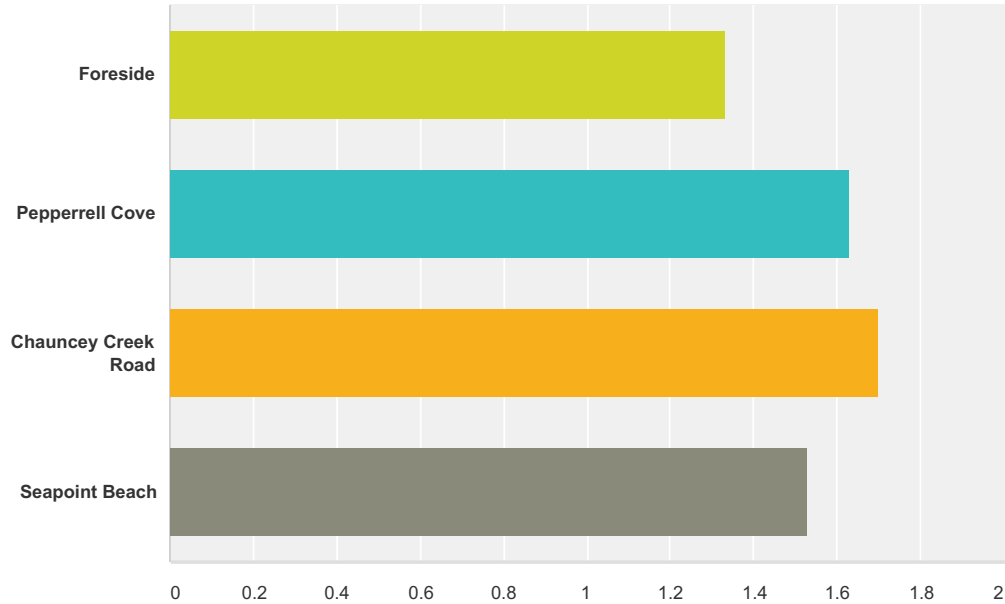
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17	A separated bike path would be a great commodity for those desiring a cycling activity. It would also decrease the need to clog up many of the roads, and create a safe location for the activity to be preformed	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
18	nowhere. Bikers are loud and demanding, but there are only a couple hundred of them in our town who use their bikes regularly. Use this time and effort to develop spaces for walking, sidewalks and walking paths. Everyone walks, not everyone bikes.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
19	Haley, Route 1 from York to SML bridge, Dennett to Foreside, Rogers to Foreside, THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE!	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
20	I don't see this as an issue.	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
21	Wide shoulders, shared lanes, bike lanes, bike PATHS absolutely! More bike racks too. "Share the road" signs and "slow" signs in more dangerous areas.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
22	Bike lanes, share the road emblems and bike racks all over town.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
23	noplace	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
24	There would be a definite increase in safety and convenience if there were to be contiguous bike path from Memorial Bridge to the York line.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
25	Route 236, and 103--Kittery to York, and the Kittery Point beaches.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
26	Everywhere! Alternative transportation will attract the next generation. Think about how unsafe granite curbs are. I heard the town owns the right to put up "share the road" sign and paint this on the roads. Can we do this? Especially in heavy bike areas like 103. May also make it safer for pedestrians to walk. How about changing the speed limit on 103 to 25mph like every other neighbourhood in town.	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
27	along 103	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
28	Foreside to the beaches, traffic circle to foreside, f	6/15/2016 3:01 PM
29	Whipple road	6/15/2016 2:59 PM
30	Rt 103 would be ideal if you could find the space	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
31	Not just biking but walking also. Rte 103 is the most attractive route for biking pleasure and could use sidewalks and bike paths with minimal expansion of the roadway.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
32	I would start with wide shoulders and better placement of storm drains. Many are akin to potholes in the road and cyclists need to go around them, and into the road.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
33	Route 103 is one of the best roads for biking, but is also one of the most dangerous in the area. We need at least a shoulder to ride on.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
34	Although I am an avid cyclist who has crossed the United States on bicycle in the summer of 2014, given the low population density, the seasons and snow fall, hate cost of separate bike paths is impractical and unaffordable for the total of Kittery's population. "Share the Road" signage available from the Maine DOT should be installed and bike lanes painted on all Kittery roadways with strict reinforcement by the KPD. Cyclists of all ages should be required to attend bicycle safety courses to learn how to behave properly and safely while riding. Maine Bike Coalition could be a great help	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
35	The downtown corridor makes some minor accommodations to bicyclists but more could be done. We should think about multi-modal options...be it biking or walking. Many parts o Kittery do not have adequate sidewalks or crosswalks. We also need better options for recreational biking out to Fort Foster and Seapoint.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
36	Beginning at the Post Office, and including the town landing, Seapoint, and Ft Foster.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
37	Yes. Though I am not a biker, I believe that the town has done a deplorable job at insuring the safety of bikers Need I mention Rt 103 from Gate 2 to the York tow line. If there were any low hanging fruit to be picked in the economic development arena, it would be the creation of a safe biking infrastructure around and near Kittery's "special places" whether they be natural or commercial.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM

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Q10 NEED FOR PARKING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONSAs areas become more popular, some people have noted a need for more parking in various locations in Kittery. Do you think there is a need for additional parking in the following parts of Town?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 2



	Yes	No	Total	Weighted Average
Foreside	67.44% 29	32.56% 14	43	1.33
Pepperrell Cove	37.14% 13	62.86% 22	35	1.63
Chauncey Creek Road	29.73% 11	70.27% 26	37	1.70
Seapoint Beach	47.37% 18	52.63% 20	38	1.53

#	Comments for "Foreside"	Date
1	The Foreside has developed into a great downtown area, and certainly parking is tough. That said, I would not be in favor of expanding parking in the Foreside. Limited parking encourages residents to walk or bike!	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	duh	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Encourage people who are employed in the area to park cars outside of fore side	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
4	I don't go down there much. It's overpriced	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
5	The problem is greatly exaggerated as folks only need to go a block or two away to find parking.	6/23/2016 5:35 PM

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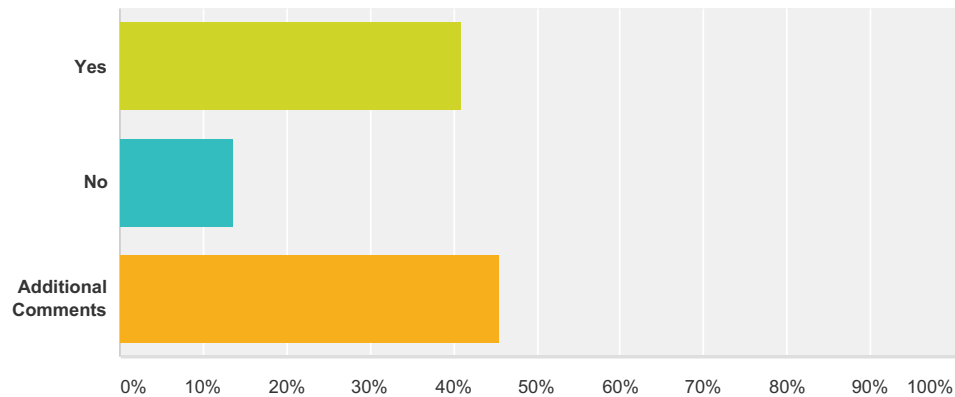
6	We want to be promoting alternatives to automobiles, not inviting more of them. Research shows that parking is a low-revenue use of public property. Other uses better stimulate the economy.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
7	Build Parking Garage where Public Works is located. However... you will need to monitor it or shipyard workers will park all day there. It is close to Portsmouth, Route 1 and Foreside.	6/21/2016 8:29 PM
8	A lot should be found a block or 2 from Foreside to remove some of the direct traffic	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
9	Do so without a garage please. We do not want to become Portsmouth	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
10	Yes but not sure where or how.. without creating an unsightly garage or unnecessary development..	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
11	Too much time focusing on an area that is already too dense. The residents already must accommodate retail without appropriate parking. The shipyard gate. A one way street, etc. If there must be parking variances made for business' to exist perhaps there are enough.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
12	Remote parking with a shuttle bus. Keep town pedestrian safe	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
13	It does get hard to find spaces during peak times, but there are always spaces available	6/15/2016 4:31 PM
14	The Foreside is becoming a popular restaurant center. The Library grounds are often vacant or leased to the Navy Yard. Use that property as a garage for parking.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
15	My answer is more of a "maybe" -- parking is a problem only at peak times, and I have never NOT found a spot. If area businesses lend their lots during peak evening hours, as many do, it seems to work. There are often spots a quarter-mile down the road.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
16	designated parking areas that assure residents of parking spaces in the evening (Residents Only from 5:00 PM- 7:00 AM) yet be available for anyone at other times. Issue residents parking stickers like they do in Boston neighborhoods	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
17	In order to keep the foreside "quaint" it is fine just the way it is	6/14/2016 9:43 PM
18	Or, better use of what we have by redesign.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
19	I've always lamented that the town did not purchase the land upon which the York Hospital satellite facility sits	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
#	Comments for "Pepperrell Cove"	Date
1	not yet but if that wretched restaurant ever gets done in an upscale way there will be	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
2	These are private business issues	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
3	Yes, if Kittery residence don't pay but non-residence do.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
4	But this is not a huge need	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
5	This is a residential area that is very compact.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
6	Get rid of the 1 hour parking limit	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
7	Be careful what you wish for.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
8	Lack of sewage for restaurant expansion and a poor harbor of refuge suggest that the Pepperrell Cove area is unlikely to develop further and more parking is thus not needed.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
9	I am not familiar with the situation there.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
10	continue to divide parts of the parking lot for residents and non-residents with the existing restrictions	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
11	If the town were to purchase the existing parking area adjacent to the post office and across the road from Frisbee's store, future needs could be met. This said, it's difficult to believe that future parking will be needed. Given sea rise and forecasted storm surge futures, it is very difficult to imagine that the town docks and commercial assets at Pepperrell Cove merit any town investments in additional parking.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
#	Comments for "Chauncey Creek Road"	Date
1	bad zoning. feel bad for people who live on that road	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
2	Too much traffic already!	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
3	The lobster pier area is a nightmare	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
4	These are private business issues	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
5	Only at the nature trail and kayak put in.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
6	the restaurant creates a dangerous road. they should have parking for their customers that is their problem not the towns.	6/16/2016 5:40 PM

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7	For what, where? Is this for the Lobster Pound? Is there access to the Creek. Is this the tight curve area?	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
8	The Chauncey Creek parking problem is due to a private business, something the town should regulate and not support. Other than the business, there is really no reason for more parking.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
9	A seasonal situation that seems to be managed.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
10	continue the existing restrictions	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
11	But where?	6/14/2016 9:43 PM
12	Add no more parking. The cogestion around Chauncy Creek Lobster is a testament to historic, aggregeous town oversight of this business. It's deplorable.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
#	Comments for "Seapoint Beach"	Date
1	If people want beach parking, they can go to Ft. Foster!	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	make it resident only. increase cost of Ft. Foster to non-residents, make it revenue generating.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	the road is very narrow currently and there are many pedestrians and people driving too quickly. If you add more parking it will be even more crowded and dangerous . The beach is also a fragile ecosystem and cannot take to much more wear. Out of staters think nothing of taking an illegal parking and spending the day at the beach for the price of a parking ticket	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
4	I'd start by keeping those that shouldn't park there out of there	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
5	See above. Narrow minded and selfish to not figure out a method to allow visitors to enjoy, even if they need to pay an hourly rate	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
6	Be nice if sea point were enforced more... Several times I've had no parking win there are clearly out of state plates there with no stickers	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
7	Environmentally sensitive area -- need to think about limiting non-resident access.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
8	for town residents only	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
9	Only for residences. This is one of Kittery's citizens greatest asset and it needs to not be overwhelmed by those who are not regulars.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
10	Not sure how to increase parking here, there really is no where to park though unless you walk or bike or are dropped off.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
11	Absolutely not. The beach's ecosystem can not handle more two or four legged visitors	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
12	Too sensitive a location to allow more human impact.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
13	At least make the parking wide enough to turn a car around without interffering with other cars.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
14	Again, it can be busy, but I have never not found a spot.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
15	Keep it rustic.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
16	no comments	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
17	No more parking.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM

Q11 TRANSITThe Kittery Community Center has vans used for field trips for seniors and also owns a small bus for adult trips (18 years and older). There used to be a shuttle bus service that operated on Route 103 that hasn't operated for a few years now. Some residents have asked for more public transportation opportunities for teens, seniors and others wanting an alternative to automobile travel.Would you like to see a public shuttle bus service in Kittery?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	40.91% 18
No	13.64% 6
Additional Comments	45.45% 20
Total	44

#	Additional Comments	Date
1	I can't imagine there would be much demand for this. Although, maybe in the summer, an hourly shuttle from the Community Center to the Foreside to Seapoint/Ft. Foster would be used?	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	Shipyard shuttles. WAY TOO MANY SHIPYARD VEHICLES. Ruins our town. Traffic is atrocious and nobody is doing anything about it.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Or a boat shuttle.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	How do I get to go over near the bridge leading into downtown Portsmouth as well so it would be convenient to pick up the coast bus line	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
5	I can't say I'd use it but if there is enough interest from others than maybe	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
6	Could really help with Foreside parking	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
7	Meet with COAST or Wildcat Transit. They might be able to work something out.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM

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8	I would be thrilled to see any kind of public transit anywhere the usage would be sufficient to support it!!!! I think it is just a question of calculated risk – figuring out where we can get enough riders for it to succeed. We want any public transit effort to work well, so that the next one will be easier to attempt.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
9	Seasonal ridership is an issue. Even Portsmouth struggles with this. Must be self-supporting, no new taxes.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
10	Only if viable routes are determined and the service used.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
11	a shuttle bus service is definitely something to be discussed for the near future	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
12	not at taxpayers expense	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
13	not paid for by taxpayers. I am sympathetic for, and interested in public transportation. But as taxpayers we can't afford it, it must be a third party.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
14	Can we become part of the COAST bus service?	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
15	Yes, but doubtful it would be financially feasible	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
16	In most small municipalities public bus service doesn't pay for itself. The thought of "training" people to use public transportation in a semi-rural location is unrealistic.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
17	A good idea but I suspect it wouldn't get much use.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
18	yes, but the costs need to be offset in part if not completely by those benefiting from the service if there are no grants or assistance from the State or Feds	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
19	I would like those vehicles used for trips for our pre-teen population. They need activities and directors to keep them occupied and on track. Without guidance and mentor types kids usually find trouble	6/14/2016 9:43 PM
20	Yes, the forecast percent of the "over 65" population group residents in Kittery will continue to grow. A transportation strategy and investment is merited. If this is at the expense of the school budget, so be it	6/14/2016 7:39 AM

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Q12 WATER QUALITYWater quality in places such as Spruce Creek is affected by point and non-point pollution (surface runoff), which has led to restrictions on shellfishing. Increases in development in the Spruce Creek watershed may lead to further reductions in water quality.What actions should be taken to improve water quality in Kittery?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 14

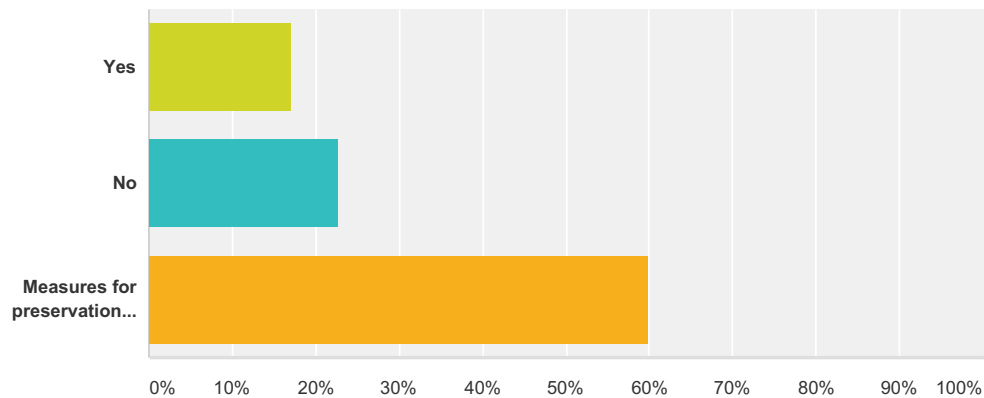
#	Responses	Date
1	Not sure much can be done beyond public education, and public landscaping projects in affected areas?	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	monitor water better. hold homeowners accountable for poor septic, etc.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	That is precisely why there should be no new development around Spruce Creek. Residents who make their living on shellfishing would almost certainly agree with that. You have to choose who you are protecting, the tax payers of Kittery or the tourists who want to shop. Once you ruin watersheds, you can't go back.	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	Town should consult with experts on protecting water.	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
5	I'm no scientist. I just don't want it to cost an arm and a leg whatever it is and sadly things of this nature are extremely overpriced	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
6	Restrict size of lots....like on Gerrish Island, so the land is not under pressure. Create zones of no chemical use on properties. In fact, looking into restricting use of dangerous chemical town wide could be considered.	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
7	Continue whatever mitigation is in place and restrict the septs and chemicals that enter the watershed	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
8	Not sure	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
9	Prohibit both forms of pollution.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
10	All development must be clean and green!	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
11	There are many things that new and existing developments can do to prevent non-point source pollution – some old technologies, some new. We are squandering our resource heritage and it will only get worse if we do nothing. We need a focused group to work on this and provide a workable list of options and find the funds for educational outreach and possibly options for ordinances or incentives. There are agencies and environmental groups around the state and country that already have lists and workshops on low-impact development ready to share. I am guessing there is federal money available. Some initial leads are at: https://www.epa.gov/polluted-runoff-nonpoint-source-pollution/urban-runoff-low-impact-development https://www.epa.gov/polluted-runoff-nonpoint-source-pollution/nonpoint-source-what-you-can-do So we don't need to reinvent the wheel. We just need to muster the political momentum. The sooner we do the research, outreach, public participation, and education around these issues, the easier it will be to slow or reverse the increasing problems. Kittery has beautiful shoreline. It is a tremendous asset. We need to protect it, for all kinds of reasons, economic, aesthetic, quality of life, etc. Many of the options cost a little bit in the short run (permeable pavements, gravel rather than paving, landscaping to slow/filter runoff, laying out any necessary hard surfaces to not channel water directly toward the shoreline, bioswales instead of hard-engineered stormwater drainage), but in the long run, some are actually cheaper. The long term cost of maintaining pavement is substantial. People pave just because they haven't fully considered the alternatives and we make it the easiest and most obvious option for them. It doesn't need to be that way. It takes some education, some tweaking of local ordinances, and some (patient) follow-up enforcement.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
12	Mandatory test of septic systems in those areas to identify failed systems, then strict enforcement to remedy by homeowner.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
13	Reasonable limits on fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. Septic inspections to stop leakage. Some dredging to improve water flow	6/21/2016 2:31 PM

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14	The completion of the original plan on bringing the waste water plumbing out to areas that were tested in the first place. There should also be a team to monitor and police the activities in the area to prevent any deliberate or non - deliberate dumping in the areas	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
15	Continue on current path. Look at actual improvements vs. demonstration projects. Realize that major non-point is septic, in which sewer extensions cannot be trusted to Sewer Department and Kleinfelder alone, obv.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
16	Town sewer and remove old septic tanks and hold homeowners accountable for maintaining their septic.	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
17	not sure	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
18	Support the efforts of all grants to keep spruce creek clean. This water body is the watershed for over 50% of the land in kittery	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
19	STOP DEVELOPMENT	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
20	STOP DEVELOPING! SAVE OUR LAND! There must be restriction put on developing if it is causing this pollution . Our town was built by fisherman now they are all having to move away because they either cant afford it, the dock are being used by people using them for recreation or pollution is affecting the industry. Lets not forget who we are and where we came from. The goal should be to accommodate the residents of kittery not the rich folk who want a waterfront vacation home to use 2 week out of the year.	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
21	The Town of Kittery should be in direct relationship with conservation and industry groups to implement solid guidelines and real enforcement	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
22	I think that Spruce Creek will improve in quality once Portsmouth gets a new water treatment plant. Make sure that septic tanks are pumped regularly.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
23	Do existing regulation cover it? Are they enforced?	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
24	getting rid of magnesium and iron	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
25	Point pollution can be solved by recognizing the source point and restricting it. Non-point (or area point) pollution must first be identified and assessed for its potential. I don't know if this has been done but the problem is wide-spread and depending on the source, solutions have been found that we could emulate.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
26	Pull up some pavement at the malls.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
27	Better filtering of heavy particulates and notification of pipe flushing operations.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
28	Restrict / prohibit the application of lawn fertilizers on those properties where surface water runoff can go to estuaries, the ocean, or fresh water bodies that drain to the estuaries and ocean. Promote the use and creation of water collection systems from building roofs to be used for gardening and waste water flushing functions	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
29	Get Portsmouth to clean up their act on Pierce Island and Kittery will improve.	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
30	Continue monitoring. Add mandatory rules related to use of fertilizers etc... Fine those who don't follow the rules. We also need to monitor and limit the use of other chemicals and make the changes necessary to keep polluted runoff out of our streams!	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
31	Any actions that are financially reasonable.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
32	The number of sub-standard septic systems and cesspool in use within a 1000 foot perimeter of Spruce Creek is unacceptable.. I live on lower Haley Road and know of many grossly sub-standard, out of date, septic systems in use. It is no surprise why the health of Spruce Creek is poor. More aggressive state and local action is required immediately.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM

Q13 COMMERCIAL FISHING FLEET
Although reduced in size from previous levels, there is a significant commercial fishing fleet operating in Kittery. In many coastal communities, working ports are under redevelopment pressure. Do you think the working waterfront in Kittery is facing redevelopment pressure? If yes, what measures would you support for its preservation?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	17.14% 6
No	22.86% 8
Measures for preservation of working waterfront	60.00% 21
Total	35

#	Measures for preservation of working waterfront	Date
1	I am not aware of any redevelopment pressure so really can't comment.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	preserve it and keep fishing there. big fancy boaters can go to Wentworth Marina across the river.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	Anything the local fishing fleet needs to keep it operational	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	I knew Chris Tobey who had a boat moored off the coast of Kittery Foreside and I would hate to see people not be able to do that	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
5	I do not know	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
6	Any that are proposed by people who know better than me	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
7	Don't know	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
8	I would support working waterfront zoning. Other towns have models that could be used. But aside from zoning, there has been state money to preserve working waterfront for some years. Coastal Enterprises Institute (CEI) has worked very successfully with a number of Maine communities on these issues, I think partnering with Maine Sea Grant. Their staff can help if we just contact them. They are both wonderful to work with.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM

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9	All efforts should be made to keep the waterfront viable for both commercial and recreational fishing	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
10	not sure	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
11	Support the fisher people, they were here first	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
12	I am not sure but i would be interested in beining a part of the conversation	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
13	restrictive zoning	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
14	Give priority for access to commercial fishermen.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
15	controlled growth	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
16	Kittery has been a fishing community for a very long time. Over the past say 30 years, the fishermen have lost a lot. We need these fisherman. They are and should be respected for what they give to our town. The fishermen here are a part of kittery's history and charm. This isn't Boston. Come here but leave your City ideas back there.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
17	I would have to think about this and contact fishing organizations such as the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermens Association for ideas.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
18	Support our local fisherman.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
19	continued fishing dock and parking restrictions to reserve some spaces for licensed commerical fishermen	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
20	Yes! Kittery was a fishing community long before it was what it is today. Kittery need to embrace the fishing community and do whatever it takes to protect it. For far to long Kittery has turned a cold shoulder to fishermen. If you look at York they state loud and proud how much they respect the fishing community, but in Kittery they are forgotten. They are being pushed out, or shut out.	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
21	Incentives to maintain the working waterfront...zoning. In other communities the local land trusts have gotten involved to conserve and preserve such areas. Is there a role for KLT here?	6/14/2016 4:32 PM

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Q14 PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS While there are numerous locations for public access to launch kayaks and small craft, there are shortages of parking in many of these locations. Where would you like to see additional access and associated parking for waterfront access?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 18

#	Responses	Date
1	Traip and Ft. Foster has plenty of parking for anyone that wants to launch kayaks. I don't see a need for additional access.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	Any of the creek areas. Most launches are river-side which has dangerous currents.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	How about either a bus or boat shuttle so the waterfront isn't crowded with cars and exhaust fumes!	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	I never even think of this as I am not a boater	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
5	?	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
6	Yes	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
7	Pepperrel Cove, near Sea Point, Brave Boat Harbor.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
8	Frisbee's lot should be town-owned.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
9	Anywhere would be great. Places where the current isn't immediately overwhelming would be especially great. Without knowing for certain, I would guess there are some nice quite brackish waters that are underutilized.	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
10	no, limited access is good. Portsmouth offers plenty of opportunity for boaters.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
11	Yes, but I don't know an obvious place other than Pepperrell Cove.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
12	Kittery Point	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
13	resident parking, yes.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
14	Rogers Park for kayakers. Integrate Route 1 development to raise funds dedicated to supporting recreation access to Spruce Creek via Route 1 corridor. Spruce Creek at 103 for fishing and kayaking.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
15	Everywhere.	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
16	I would not like to see additional access. Kittery has many public access points for people to get to and recreate in the ocean.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
17	not at taxpayers expense	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
18	wherever it is reasonably available	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
19	Route 1 near the Kittery Trading Post.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
20	near Fort McClary	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
21	Frisbee location	6/15/2016 2:59 PM
22	Pepperrell Cove	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
23	When you lure them here, it costs the town money. Talk about loosening our little town. Again, progress is not always in our best interest.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
24	Only on town-owned property (as in Eliot). Most launch ramps are inadequate because the large tides limit their use to high tides. Turn around space is more important than parking area.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
25	This is a seasonal issue for six weeks and again, I have never not found a spot. Maybe I don't always get the most convenient spot, but I always manage to park.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM

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26	This should be reviewed on a case by case basis based on environmental impact caused by humans.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
27	yes	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
28	There is a parking lot that belongs to Frisbee's holding in Kittery point that Kittery should lease to help parking at Pepperrell cove, it could help with winter parking for residents, post office parking etc	6/14/2016 9:13 PM

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Q15 THE AREA NORTH OF SPRUCE CREEK
The area is currently zoned at 40,000 sq.ft. per dwelling unit and is listed as rural. It is also currently the non-sewered part of Town. Do you think this area should be further developed? In the previous Comprehensive Plan this was designated as a "Limited to No Growth area. Does this still hold true? Should we consider increasing the lot size or other methods of density control?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 14

#	Responses	Date
1	Aside from the areas immediately along the the Rte corridor, I think we should limit growth to smart residential development with lots of open space.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	develop at will.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	I absolutely don't think it should be further developed. Keep it as rural, we don't need more condos or McMansions. Stop already!	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
4	No	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
5	No	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
6	Increasing lot size is a good idea....	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
7	Yes, Kittery needs to smartly utilize whatever assets is has to grow the tax base	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
8	Not sure	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
9	No	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
10	Wait	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
11	More housing and offer a bus service to the foreshore, town hall, and to the Warrens Lobster for people wishing to go to Portsmouth.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM
12	density control is good. Could be opportunity for "workforce" housing.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
13	Perhaps the lot size should be slightly increased but housing should be clustered to preserve as much open space as possible.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
14	There is more than enough land already being developed. We should keep as much area as we can in its natural state	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
15	keep that area limited growth. You just spent so much money putting sewer on Martin Road, develop that area more first!	6/20/2016 3:56 PM
16	Not providing sewer is a classic development control tool. It is so in Kittery as well. I am fine with development across town. 2-3 acre minimum zoning is already falling out of favor, with support swinging back to cluster style development with dedicated open space. Note that if smaller lots and open space are required or desired, field and other common open recreation areas must be provided for residents. See athletic field notes above.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
17	No to over development	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
18	It still holds true, it is just difficult to have ordinances to support this to pass the current Council. I wish they would support the will of the residents.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
19	STOP DEVELOPMENT	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
20	it should not be further developed. it should remain a no growth area.	6/16/2016 2:58 PM

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21	Sewer first!	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
22	Keep as limited growth area.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
23	Limiting growth	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
24	No growth	6/15/2016 2:59 PM
25	I think it works the way it is	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
26	After assessing the capacity of the soil to absorb sewage, the lot size could be adjusted. There are also means of sewage disposal that can be required in each dwelling that don't require a central sewage facility. This problem is not new, and plenty of study and innovation has been able to solve most of sewage problems in rural areas.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
27	I'm not sure but be upfront about sewer next time.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
28	Again, what is the environmental impact? Can the area support more houses or will that add to pollution both on the land and in the water?	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
29	Not until some of the other areas of town are better managed and utilized	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
30	Leave it	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
31	As little growth in that area as possible is the preference for a number of reasons. Large lot sizes lead to sprawl...so the question is confusing. We should incentivize density.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
32	Yes, no more development. These are extremely sensitive environmental tidal areas. Given the current unaddressed environmental pressures on Spruce Creek, I have little confidence that the town and state will safeguard these undeveloped areas of Spruce Creek if development is allowed.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM

Q16 FUTURE OF THE LIBRARYThe current Rice Public Library operates out of two building. This is inconvenient for both patrons and staff. Additionally, space for additional books and other materials is limited as is the ability to accommodate additional computers. The most critical decision facing the library is how to combine all the library's functions into one building and whether this should be accomplished by constructing an addition to the historic Rice building (at the existing location) or by creating a new facility at the Kittery Community Center site or at some other location. The Town Council is working with all interested parties to determine what they will recommend to voters. Where could/should the future library be located? What functions should the future library include?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 6

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1	I'm not a fan of building a new library.	6/28/2016 10:29 AM
2	on KCC campus, but in back out where the old ball fields are in the woods. plenty of space. not in front.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
3	The library should be contained in one building and it would be great if it was more of a community center. I don't know about the funding What part does the town of kittery pay for the services of a library. The community center is a likely location or one of the outlet building s that is not longer useful?	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
4	As the community center already exists it seems a logical place for it however it shouldn't cost an arm and a leg to move there as the building already exists and has for years	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
5	I favor an addition to the current facility, but I understand there are some impediments....	6/23/2016 6:42 PM
6	Community center. Rec/Community/parks/Library should all be on one sheet of music and share resources and vision	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
7	I love the location now	6/23/2016 4:39 PM
8	See above. See the expanded programs that York library offers.	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
9	Would love to see it in current rent location expanded	6/23/2016 4:09 PM
10	Community Center! All that land. Short-sighted not to have done both projects at once, but what a great one stop resource to have them together.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
11	Use the 40,000 sq ft area at Spruce Creek and build a library there. It can house everything in one location and have a much better parking sistuion and help with congestion down town.	6/23/2016 1:51 PM

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12	<p>I think it is extraordinarily important that the existing historic library architecture remain 99.9% intact, and that these public spaces remain in easy-access public use for a broad diversity of people (as libraries or not). I also think it is extraordinarily important that library services remain easily walkable from downtown, if not actually located in the downtown proper. I think a future library location either at the present site or at the Community Center could serve both purposes, IF the current structures are preserved for broad public use regardless. Downtown library renovations/constructions elsewhere have been a great success (Portsmouth, Damariscotta, Portland, Camden, Bath, etc.). Some have been done without much alteration of historic buildings, just building large new wings, and converting the old space to lovely reading rooms or other purposes that show off the historic architecture rather than gutting it. I think the Community Center is close enough to downtown, if it is connected with good walkable, high density development. I also wonder if room could be found to build adjacent to the existing buildings without tearing anything down or overwhelming the stunning existing design. Not all libraries have lots of parking, but I realize we need some. Couldn't we have a drop-off for elderly/disabled and parking a couple or few blocks away? I have used many, many public libraries in my life, and the Portsmouth library is one of the best. They have amazing public programs of all varieties. I know Kittery can't quite replicate that on our more limited budget, but I am thrilled that the library staff want to do some new things. I think anything is great that gets young people into the library, especially if it actually involves books instead of video displays. Activities that engage people of all ages and walks of life in discussion, learning, reading, are all wonderful, especially if those activities help us to integrate those things into our daily lives beyond the program itself. Libraries are about sparking curiosity. The library could integrate more with the adult education programs, museums, historical societies, garden clubs and other educational and public-oriented organizations. A larger space could offer meeting rooms, group study rooms, quiet reading rooms, archival materials. I LOVE the old library for my own purposes, but I can also see how space limits the staff in their offerings. In other libraries I've used, the private meeting rooms get a lot of use, which is presumably a good thing. It would be neat if a new library space could have a room that could be used as a theater, to screen films, or for other public functions. Our downtown is so lovely, but other than sitting in cafes, there are not a lot of spaces/opportunities for public interaction. New library spaces could provide this. There should definitely be space devoted to more public and lively purposes and quiet spaces devoted to reading and other work. Also, the nicest public green spaces downtown are on library property and I would not want to lose this!! Any new library construction should have some nice, sizeable outdoor garden space – for story hour, reading, small meetings, conversation, etc. I don't think a big bank of computers in a library is necessarily a wonderful thing. Kids spend enough time online. Some access is good for people who don't otherwise have it at home, work or school, but that doesn't generally mean kids. There also needs to be some separation of loud kids from grown ups trying to get work done. The café area at the Portsmouth library is nice and accommodates such diverse uses. IF the library moves from its present location, I think it is essential that new building purposes RETAIN all historic value in the buildings AND the public mission – so that could mean a museum WITH strong public outreach programs, not just a place tourists visit. I guess I wonder if somehow some of the library functions could remain where they are, even if the new library is at the Community Center site. Could we have a periodicals reading room and archives? Is there some special collection that isn't usually used by the same audience as regular library services? Is there an historical organization of some sort that would appreciate and preserve the building as well as its public mission? Could it remain a part of the library property, and thus preserved, but used gently by some partnering group? Obviously it has to be well-used and well-supported in order to maintain the structure. I would just HATE to see it become condos or an office building, and the thought of tearing it down makes me ill.</p>	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
13	Existing buildings are historic and should remain that way. Libraries are a thing of the past. We do not need a new building and offer free wi fi to people. Again, if they want it, they should fundraise and fund it themselves.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
14	The library should either be at the Community Center or near the downtown. Perhaps taking over the gas station property at Whipple Road and Wentworth. Or, using the space next to the Post Office and building a second story.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
15	there should be accommodations made at the community center. We need to get the towns spending under control for its people before committing massive expenses its people cant afford.	6/21/2016 6:29 AM
16	I would like to see a redevelopment of the Rice building, but that seems the least practical. It's time to build a space for the next hundred years of growth. An oversized ADA compliant single story structure in a central location, or route one.	6/20/2016 3:56 PM

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17	The RPL had a once-in-a-generation opportunity to join the KCC and the FRC worked to integrate them into initial concepts starting in 2009. They could not commit to this approach, even if 3 of the 6 concepts initially developed provided the RPL with the use of the main building. Their use of the annex was only introduced when their trustees could not commit to taking advantage of this resource. They also would not commit to shared spaces with the KCC, even though their missions have many common elements. This is very important to keep in mind given recent discussions and continued desire of the RPL trustees to now claim that moving to the KCC campus is in their best interests. It is also highly unlikely that we need to double+ the size of the RPL space. York's library is clearly oversized, and many claimed common area needs already exist at the KCC as well as commercial enterprises in the foreside, Route 1, etc. Many folks simply access wifi from any number of businesses and do not need a library for this purpose. It is unadvisable to spend \$6MM on a new facility, when the RPL cannot self support and make claims that 'high efficiency' systems will somehow 'save' money. It is terribly shortsighted and disingenuous. Therefore, immediately cease funding 95+ percent of the 'free' library's operation unless it becomes a town department. If it does so, manage the department like all others in town. If it does not, cease funding and seek out town memberships at Portsmouth and York, which can be had at lower cost than our current obligations and would GAIN our citizenry library amenities. Then decide how to proceed with the building based on the direction the RPL Trustees choose.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
18	Remodel existing to include fiction. It's too beautiful and centrally located to move.	6/19/2016 9:29 AM
19	Community Center, somewhere where there is an adequate parking lot so not foreside.	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
20	Library should stay in the Foreside and expand the Rice building. Use funds from sale of the old court house to fund this up h needed upgrade.	6/16/2016 9:10 PM
21	The location depends on whether or not the library is a town organization. Right now it is a private entity that the town happens to pay for. If the town continues to fund the library they should have full control of the library budget. That is the very first thing that needs to be decide then conversation on location and function can take place.	6/16/2016 2:58 PM
22	Being a resident of Foreside, I like the building downtown and would like to have it stay there given a compromise could be reached between modern-day needs and historic preservation.	6/16/2016 12:14 PM
23	current location. expand to dirt lot, with parking beneath. With the community center, how much more function space is needed?	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
24	The library should be in one building with updates to keep up with technology.	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
25	The community center site seems to make sense. Library should continue to provide free access to information through books, computers, educational programs, community activities, speakers.	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
26	I am all for a new library if the Library can fund the majority of the cost. I like the idea of it moving to the KCC but I am against it moving to the field in front of the building. We need more fields not less. If it moves to the KCC I would like see it attached, this would have better synergy to share building resources. It would also be more convenient for those families wishing to use both buildings at the same time.	6/15/2016 4:31 PM
27	The library should be near the KCC and be a state-of-the-art building with handicap access and internet services.	6/15/2016 3:29 PM
28	Next to the community center	6/15/2016 3:01 PM
29	Move to the Annex in the KRC.	6/15/2016 2:59 PM
30	I think location at KCC would be ideal	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
31	As the population increases, the more it cost for new demands. Kittery was a nice little town. Now we are A suburb of BOSTON. Leave the library alone. No one said all would be convenient. You can't please all of the people all of the time. It's working! Leave it alone.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM

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32	As mentioned above, a library in its current form has been made an anachronism by the internet. This means that the first priority should be how the library will respond, not where it should be placed. It is obvious, I think, that e-books, research, etc. are more and more available on the net. Kids all have personal computers; households have web connection for books, movies, etc., municipalities have digitized records on the web, and businesses depend on it for their supplies, marketing, customer support, banking and other necessities. The Rice Library must therefore adjust to survive. As far as I can see, it must embrace the internet, not fight it, and become a center for those who cannot afford and need help in accessing the net. The old days of multiple books shelves and Dewey cards are over. Certainly space must be retained for historical items, but the bulk of the reading shelves are now on the net, and it is ill conceived to think that a library should be maintained solely for those who prefer to hold a book in their hands rather than a Kindle or I-Pad. The solution, I believe, is to embrace the internet by becoming a town with a superior, easily accessed, high-speed, reasonably-priced internet service for all. In line with this would be to encourage internet companies to locate here. Internet companies are generally high-paying and employ younger people with families, just the types we want Kittery to encourage to move here and diversify our economic base. If we do that, the Rice Library, after renovation, could be the center of all internet services for the town, not only the provision of services to the public but also a place where those who are unable to access the web or need help could come. The second building across the street was once a telephone company site and could be the location for whatever hardware is necessary to accomplish the internet mission. It would not have to be accessed by library employees on a frequent basis because its innards would be solely technical. This way, only renovation to the current library would be necessary, no building of a useless and antiquated building at the Community Center, leaving more space there for athletic fields, and providing additional parking at the current library for the continued economic development of the Foreside district.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
33	Bear in mind the library is not only "inconvenient" but is inaccessible for many. Even though I love the idea of the library in the Foreside, I like the proposed location near the Rec Center, and it seems more feasible.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
34	Currently there is a proposal to build on the KCC campus. This would make the campus a cultural hub of Kittery. The "functions" should be discussed by the RPL and the town.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
35	The library should go anywhere except where the field development committee is researching.	6/14/2016 9:43 PM
36	The library should be at the rec center	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
37	Th new library MUST BE at the Community Center. Enough shenanigans. We want the convenience of having our library where we do other activities...and those activities should integrate with the library! No brainier. There are new models for libraries we should look at...its no just about hard copy books anymore.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
38	Put an addition onto the historic Rice building.	6/14/2016 8:29 AM
39	The town's library should be re-located. Sited on the periphery of a now robust and re-born commercial zone (Foreside) whose expansion over the next 25 years is likely to be appreciably, the current library buildings will most likely be surrounded by commercial development. No doubt, a certain death knell to our community's access to its library. Think 5, 10, 25 years from today. To be situated in a busy, vibrant commercial development area confronted with traffic congestion and parking challenges, library patrons will not come. And this at a time when redesigned or newly built 21st century libraries are now experiencing appreciable growth in use. Yes, the library should be re-located. Re-locating the town's library to the Community Campus makes a lot of sense.	6/14/2016 7:39 AM
40	An addition to the existing Rice building replicating the historic architecture seems most appropriate.	6/13/2016 12:58 PM

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Q17 ANY OTHER ISSUE(S) YOU CONSIDER TO BE "BURNING"?Please list/describe below.

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1	Again, shipyard traffic and the mess it causes twice a day during same school bus, drive times. Can't get out of our road to cross 236. Town wasn't build to support 5,000 workers there. Mandate busing in unless 3+ people in a car. Ridiculous that single drivers load up our roads and we, the townees, have to just accept it. Our leaders should be leading on this.	6/28/2016 9:54 AM
2	Too much unnecessary development!	6/24/2016 3:54 PM
3	Traffic generated at the ship yard has become very heavy and people are ill mannered and drive poorly!	6/24/2016 11:58 AM
4	Yes, the town's desire to keep spending lots of money before it is technically even available to be spent. I don't understand why things constantly need to be in a state of change or Improvement when to me it seems acceptable the way it is. Memorials are nice but cost a lot of money. I would rather see the money spent on things like memorials to go toward creating a public affair for the town can celebrate either the person or the memory associated with said event	6/24/2016 10:56 AM
5	Believe the entire notion of the Kittery business park is a joke, privately owned land whose owners absolutely owe Kittery nothing, yet we continue to view that as a core part of our growth future. if Kittery was serious about controlling it's future, you buy the business park and the water board property and control the destiny and a build out that compliments the massively overdue comp plan update. Move the water board to the biz park. Perhaps it's run like a redevelopment board so action actually happens as our town council mirrors our government in that every vote is a deadlock so nothing moves forward. It's an embarrassment that we lost planner puff over childish politics around a nominal raise. Hopefully optimistic, but also realize there are many in town that don't believe about deficit spending to achieve a long term gain.	6/23/2016 5:35 PM
6	No	6/23/2016 4:27 PM
7	We need to continue to seek excellence in town government - I'd like to see workshops and trainings to educate and interest people in what goes on and to develop the skills needed to serve.	6/23/2016 2:14 PM
8	FIX THE ROADS!!!! They are a mess and its embarrassing how bad they are. You have to zig zag around the Foreside area in order to miss all the potholes and cracks. THIS MUST BE DONE!	6/23/2016 1:51 PM
9	Thank you for listening!!!!	6/23/2016 10:04 AM
10	Kittery is a small town with a small town charm. We should protect that.	6/22/2016 2:17 PM
11	DEVELOPERS! Watch out, here they come! I have had several of them come into my shop and office and ask about opportunities. We don't have time to debate. Put some ZONING in place that is strict, it can always loosen later. This is the time to be strict instead of waiting for disaster to strike - and it will. Our prices are very cheap compared to MA and NY. Thank you for the opportunity.	6/21/2016 8:29 PM
12	The ideas in this article should be incorporated in the vision for Kittery. http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/19/jobs/remote-thats-no-way-to-describe-this-work.html All town buildings should be audited for energy efficiency - lighting, insulation, mechanicals, etc.	6/21/2016 2:31 PM
13	The potential burden of debt associated with a new library, plus the additional O&M costs of such a limited-purpose organization, is problematic for the town and would cause many other cuts to education, field improvements, and other areas in which the town needs more resources, not less. This endeavor continues because people do not want to say NO. It is time to do so and move on with the nest interests of the entire town.	6/20/2016 9:56 AM
14	MARTIN RD BETTERMENT!	6/17/2016 1:50 PM
15	sewer betterment fees	6/16/2016 5:40 PM
16	we need to resolve the issue of the sewer "betterment" fees. And the fence separating Manson RD from 95 needs to be put back up before a child ends up hurt because of the towns negligence.	6/16/2016 2:58 PM

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17	For such a small community we seem to be discussing a lot of different potential and desires for many different locations/areas. Perhaps distilling the focus to the most pressing two or three concerns and/or interests will produce more lasting results. Route One development and local water access. How about that to start. Thank you all for the enormous effort put forth to keep our town a place for all of to enjoy.	6/16/2016 11:10 AM
18	Finish the sidewalk on Stevenson Road! Too many students walk that road, and it is dangerous with a curve, and traffic going too fast!	6/16/2016 7:24 AM
19	Noise pollution. Especially loud motorcycles. When the shipyard lets out one needs to stop conversations in the foreshore. We hear them starting at 5:15am on Whipple Rd.	6/15/2016 6:07 PM
20	IMPROVE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM!!! Kittery is not attracting and is losing young families because of this. I've known at least 3 families who have moved or sent their children to private schools because of this.	6/15/2016 2:28 PM
21	We are self destructing. The true Kittery people just can't support what you are asking them for. More people, more PROGRESS, has changed Kittery as we knew it. It is broken and it is sad. Be very careful what you wish for.	6/15/2016 8:54 AM
22	The Port Authority has to be reviewed for its effectiveness and operations. From what I hear, the operation is not accomplishing its purpose.	6/15/2016 8:34 AM
23	Rec Center offerings not very imaginative considering all the space available, and it seems to make partnering difficult with various entities that want to use facilities (e.g. they were going to charge Tobu-Kamikata Exchange to have the welcome dinner there). Better programming overall for youth and teens would be great. There are currently events happening at the Rec Center, like Dodge Ball, or York Rec Pickle Ball that are not publicized on Rec website because they are not town activities. That reduces opportunities for synergy, as one thing leads to another.	6/15/2016 8:30 AM
24	More transparency in our local government.	6/15/2016 12:14 AM
25	Kittery needs to revitalize the Energy Committee and make energy efficiency and sustainability focus points, e.g. conversion of street lights from their present HP Sodium to LEDs at no cost to the Town as well as reduce the Town's electrical bill. Relocate the wind turbine from the Transfer station to Wood Island or Pepperell Cove	6/14/2016 10:36 PM
26	Fields- we are missing out on great sporting opportunities for our town. Families from Kittery travel to other towns that host huge tournaments and we all say how great it would be to be able to offer that to showcase our amazing town.	6/14/2016 9:43 PM
27	Kittery needs to support its life long citizens. These people are the history of Kittery and they are being forced out. Kittery needs to control its spending. Limit the size of new houses. And work harder to keep life long citizens family's here and get more younger people moving in.	6/14/2016 9:13 PM
28	Our water. Who decides who owns our ground water? Recent events in other Maine towns where water rights have been sold to Nestle and other for profit firms really concerns me. We need to move fast and boldly to protect this common resource and ensure we are not selling away our water rights to the highest bidder. Finally, we need to plan for adaptation and mitigation of climate change and sea level rise. Anything we do must take those certainties into account. Spend a little now, plan well now to forestall larg costs and more devastation in the future. And we should not put a penny of our shared money into places like Wood Island...it will be underwater soon.	6/14/2016 4:32 PM
29	more cross walks	6/13/2016 6:51 PM

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parking for continuous shuttle including Foreside with input from Deb Driscoll.	Deane Rykerson	Jun 02, 2016, 04:59 PM	43.09016	-70.73613882	Opportunities	8
Consider a light rail use	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:50 AM	43.09016	-70.73613882	Opportunities	8
Create a multi use path between Kittery Community Center and State Road (with permission of property owners)	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 09:32 AM	43.09597	-70.74178219	Opportunities	8
This idea has been around for a long time and is excellent. We should approach property homes to see if this is a possible idea they would consider.	Ann Grinnell	Jun 08, 2016, 07:16 AM	43.09597	-70.74178219	Opportunities	8
Public access to waterfront	Deane Rykerson	May 31, 2016, 12:15 PM	43.08481	-70.75390577	Opportunities	7
Strong current.....use with caution	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 10:31 AM	43.08481	-70.75390577	Opportunities	7
Currents too strong for recreational boating. Also, parking would be a tuff issue in a small residential area.	Ann Grinnell	Jun 08, 2016, 07:12 AM	43.08481	-70.75390577	Opportunities	7
pedestrian walkway	Deane Rykerson	May 31, 2016, 12:17 PM	43.08459	-70.74618101	Opportunities	7

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There will be fewer and fewer opportunities to establish a reasonably sized public waterfront area in the Foreside so the town should consider purchasing one of the few buildings available to replace with a dock, benches.	Gayle Wells	Jun 08, 2016, 07:59 AM	43.08459	-70.74618101	Opportunities	7
There is funding for projects that allow the public more access to the waterfront.	Gayle Wells	Jun 08, 2016, 08:01 AM	43.08459	-70.74618101	Opportunities	7
I have been on the town for connecting the sidewalk from Suds & More to the KP bridge - they say 2017 as it's been funded and approved for 4 or 5 years. Disappointed as it seems to not be a priority. It's dangerous to walk.	Todd Rollins	Jun 10, 2016, 07:26 AM	43.08459	-70.74618101	Opportunities	7

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Protect working waterfront - since University of Maine system studies show that economic benefits of waterfront jobs outweigh revenue from luxury waterfront residential development. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. In particular, protect waterfront access for fishing industry - consider public, cooperative, or public-private pier & shoreside facilities. See: http://www.ceimaine.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Colgan-Report-Final.pdf and http://oclj.mainerlaw.maine.edu/vol-19-no-2/coastal-access-maine-commercial-fishing/	Jennifer Brewer	Jun 06, 2016, 09:10 PM	43.08359	-70.74779034	Opportunities	7
move the Water District sand and gravel mess out of this entry to Kittery. Replace with 150 mixed use retail and affordable housing units and green space D Lincoln	david lincoln	Jun 08, 2016, 09:05 AM	43.08788	-70.74994512	Challenges	6

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Yes, and this is a spot I was thinking could absorb some of the downtown parking	Jennifer Brewer	Jun 09, 2016, 05:10 PM	43.08788	-70.74994512	Challenges	6
A previous plan exists by Thomas Emerson Babcock if Water District can be moved. Hazardous materials & flooding issues. Number of units allowable much less.	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:30 AM	43.08788	-70.74994512	Challenges	6
See Thomas E Babcock's plan	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:50 AM	43.08788	-70.74994512	Challenges	6
off site weekday parking for PSNY - use tracks for rail transport of passengers onto PSNY	Russell White	Jun 15, 2016, 11:26 AM	43.08788	-70.74994512	Challenges	6
and make sure that affordable is defined to meet the incomes of people who work as retail clerks, kitchen help, etc.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 07:00 AM	43.08788	-70.74994512	Challenges	6
This would extend the Foreside which would increase tourism and attract more business from Portsmouth and surrounding area becoming a bigger destination.	Gayle Wells	Jun 28, 2016, 07:10 AM	43.08788	-70.74994512	Challenges	6

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2/3 the Navy Yard will be under water in a Hurricane Sandy event according to UNH's Cameron Wake. What are the Navy Yard & Town's Climate Adaption & emergency plans?	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:49 AM	43.08152	-70.72740555	Challenges	6
Thanks for asking. This is a great way to get input.... We need a 'Caution No Wake Zone' buoy here. There was one there two years ago. Boaters speed all the way up to the Pepperrell Cove (Rt 103) bridge all too often.	Charlie Wu	Jun 02, 2016, 11:47 AM	43.08003	-70.71961641	Opportunities	5
Maybe two markers as the area is wide and boats come in from Hicks Rocks and the Sound basin side	Roy Briscoe	Jun 02, 2016, 12:47 PM	43.08003	-70.71961641	Opportunities	5
Tiny house mixed income housing park	Deane Rykerson	Jun 02, 2016, 05:03 PM	43.08901	-70.75152397	Opportunities	5
make traveling on 103 across State Rd more bike friendly	Debra Kam	Jun 02, 2016, 08:58 PM	43.0876	-70.74963033	Opportunities	5
Yes, we need this.	Ann Grinnell	Jun 08, 2016, 07:08 AM	43.0876	-70.74963033	Opportunities	5

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make Foreside more pedestrian-friendly by clarifying and protecting pedestrian right-of-way from traffic turning right off of Wentworth St onto Walker St	Debra Kam	Jun 02, 2016, 09:03 PM	43.08632	-70.74316084	Opportunities	5
We need a crosswalk at Water St and Rte 1 with a sign on the southbound side of rte 1 warning of the pedestrian crossing	Tom Ryan	Jun 03, 2016, 10:17 AM	43.08363	-70.75074098	Opportunities	5
Reduce parking on Walker Street and install protected bike lane	Jennifer Brewer	Jun 06, 2016, 09:15 PM	43.0865	-70.74598789	Opportunities	5
Hard to reduce parking in this area. How about 'share the road' emblems on the roads in the Foreside.	Ann Grinnell	Jun 08, 2016, 07:08 AM	43.0865	-70.74598789	Opportunities	5
Most of the roads in Kittery and KP have fairly low speed limits anyway so bike lanes where ever possible should be developed.	Gayle Wells	Jun 08, 2016, 08:11 AM	43.0865	-70.74598789	Opportunities	5
Opportunity for Community Gardens, Park, and Trails	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 09:21 AM	43.09056	-70.73416471	Opportunities	5

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Create a walking trail from Traip Boat Slips to Foreside	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 09:30 AM	43.08613	-70.73942184	Opportunities	5
Great idea, this trail could also fork and follow the railroad tracks to gourmet alley on Rt. 1	Erling Saevarsson	Jun 09, 2016, 10:41 PM	43.08613	-70.73942184	Opportunities	5
Move downtown parking away from downtown center, to encourage walking, biking Do more to establish/beautify small, sittable parks and other green spaces near small businesses & dense development, maybe with donations & volunteer labor See: http://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2016/5/23/places-where-i-dont-want-to-sit	Jennifer Brewer	Jun 06, 2016, 09:19 PM	43.08603	-70.74343443	Opportunities	4
Not sure the parking can be moved out of the Foreside, but sure bike racks can be added to the area. More parking needed, street parking, and some spaces are possible. How about trash and recycle bins. Portsmouth has put in great looking ones.	Ann Grinnell	Jun 08, 2016, 07:05 AM	43.08603	-70.74343443	Opportunities	4

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There is public funding available for this type of project. We need a part time grant writer to maximize Kittery's funding for a lot of great projects.	Gayle Wells	Jun 08, 2016, 08:15 AM	43.08603	-70.74343443	Opportunities	4
Like Paris and other cities have done, test out a sunday a month for a summer for no cars in foreside, just bikes, baby carriages, pedestrians, etc. Allow for sidewalk vendors, music, markets. As Bloomberg would say 'Let's try it and see.'	Gayle Wells	Jun 09, 2016, 03:47 PM	43.08603	-70.74343443	Opportunities	4
Love the link you sent. Talk about little thought to public space. We can do a lot better than that.	Gayle Wells	Jun 09, 2016, 03:48 PM	43.08603	-70.74343443	Opportunities	4
I think more street parking can be identified in Fireside. I doubt all 14 spaces in the corner lot can go, especially the HC ones, but maybe the five on the corner side could be given over to public space.	Tom Emerson	Jun 09, 2016, 09:30 PM	43.08603	-70.74343443	Opportunities	4

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Who owns the dirt lot next to the library? Seems like now it's half library and half leased. Paving that area would get more spots - downside it will get more spots.	Todd Rollins	Jun 10, 2016, 07:33 AM	43.08603	-70.74343443	Opportunities	4
Kayak access	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 09:19 AM	43.09613	-70.72317839	Opportunities	4
this would be a safe place to have a municipal kayak launch pad, avoiding the dangers of Piscataqua tidal flow D Lincoln	david lincoln	Jun 10, 2016, 04:40 PM	43.09613	-70.72317839	Opportunities	4
Green algae growth	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 10:51 AM	43.08672	-70.73521614	Challenges	4
Working with citizens and local lawn care businesses to understand the impacts of their fertilizer and lawn care practices on the health of the water would be great!	Phyllis Ford	Jun 10, 2016, 12:04 PM	43.08672	-70.73521614	Challenges	4
Why no sidewalk on north side of Walker here?	Erling Saevarsson	Jun 09, 2016, 10:28 PM	43.08725	-70.74782789	Challenges	4
Opportunity to develop the town dock into a functional working dock that is also an appealing public space	Erling Saevarsson	Jun 09, 2016, 10:38 PM	43.08532	-70.74299991	Opportunities	4

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Harbor Inn Spa just off Route 1 on Water St. It is unlikely that I'll be able to make the meeting this Saturday, as I don't have coverage. So I'd like the town to take appropriate action: 1. to enact ordinances: a. prohibiting idling of all types of engines on the public roads (e.g., while waiting for one of the bridges to open), and b. prohibiting excessive noise on the public roads; 2. to have signs printed and installed on the public roads advising of these no-idling and no excessive noise ordinances; and 3. to enforce these ordinances with fines. And actually make their enforcement a priority - when the Memorial Bridge is up, it is terribly noisy from the Bridge out to Government Street at least, and the air stinks of exhaust. Cars, truck and motorcycles sit, the trucks and	Lynn Bowditch	Mar 11, 2016, 01:41 PM			Sustainability	3

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One 'No idling' Sign exits now in Traip parking lot. Agree we need many more....including our parks outlets	Tom Hibschan	Mar 16, 2016, 12:42 AM			Sustainability	3
There is actually a State Statute against excessive noise (Title 29-A, SS2079: Unnecessary noise) that is not enforced. Unfortunately we could put up hundreds of signs and update a more strict ordinance, but if the police aren't there to see/hear it, it will not be effectively enforceable.	Rich Balano	Jun 09, 2016, 03:02 PM			Sustainability	3

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Many people walk and run on the wrong side of the road with their backs to oncoming traffic. Recently, a young woman was hit and killed in York because she was on the wrong side of the road and did not see a car coming toward her. Bicyclists know they should ride on the right, with traffic. Runners and walkers seem not to know they should be on the left side facing oncoming traffic. I suggest that the town post signage on all major roadways (Rt. 103, Haley Rd., Rogers Rd., Rt 1, etc.) informing people of this important advice.	Mark Alesse	Mar 12, 2016, 04:47 PM			Other	3
wear light clothing / reflective at night dusk	Tom Hibschan	Mar 16, 2016, 12:44 AM			Other	3
The sidewalk that has been approved, planned and funded for years along 103/Whipple needs to be completed before someone gets run over.	Todd Rollins	Mar 17, 2016, 09:28 AM			Other	3

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Spent any funds to widen the traffic circle corridor from traffic circle to Navy Yard gate to 4 lanes. Suggest portions of 103 be closed except to residents on 103 perhaps on Sundays for certain hours. In NYC, Park ave. was closed for certain hours. In Cambridge, Ma Memorial drive is closed on Sundays. Also, add hundreds of motorcycles car road rallies to the mix on 103 in the summer. Speed limit is not enforced on 103... police could use the speed indicator reminder unit to slow.	Tom Hibschan	Mar 17, 2016, 01:14 PM			Other	3
Correction: Spent any funds for traffic study...explore cities like Portland, OR which have peak traffic lanes of 3 lanes which can change to handle 2 lanes depending on rush hour flow...widen the traffic circle corridor from traffic circle to Navy Yard gate to 3 lanes.	Tom Hibschan	Mar 17, 2016, 04:32 PM			Other	3

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<p>some real positive changes in the last few (5?) years. Restaurants, bars, coffee shops are doing really well. We should: Build a business environment and infrastructure that should support continued growth in a structured way. It is clear that with this positive growth traffic to downtown is increasing and we would need appropriate parking options to continue to support more growth. Parking should be made available outside the heart of the town. Create or improve safe bike roads and pedestrian walkways from a 'new to be developed parking option' to down town Kittery. Keep car traffic out of town to allow for more development downtown and avoid congestion, more terras options. Make public playgrounds available that are safe and can be accessed by</p>	Monique Hendriks	Mar 14, 2016, 11:21 PM			Public Benefits	3

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Let's not forget the ELEPHANT in the room - CLIMATE CHANGE. We can adapt, or we can do nothing. Why is Kittery not part of the New England Climate Adaptation Project along with other Maine coastal towns? This is a global problem, and we need to face it as members of our coastal community. Let's not wrangle about its cause. We're seeing its effects already.	Clare Rogers	May 06, 2016, 08:50 AM			Sustainability	3
The larger issues of protecting from contamination during heavy storms and storm surges. We need assurance from the shipyard that they have all toxic chemicals and systems protected for storms, flooding, etc. The Port Authority cannot be expected to handle the bulk of this work. Winds are expected to cause a great deal of damage also.	Gayle Wells	Jun 10, 2016, 07:46 AM			Sustainability	3
Completely agree. Also would like to see crosswalk into John Paul Jones park.	Ann Grinnell	Jun 08, 2016, 07:06 AM	43.08363	-70.75074098	Opportunities	3

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There are no public pumpout stations on the Piscataqua River from Great Bay to the Portsmouth Harbor entrance. Let's get serious about protecting and improving our water quality. We desperately need a pumpout station conveniently located for commercial and recreational boats. Pepperell Cove is the perfect location for a pumpout station with the new town docks and improved access. It must be made easy for boaters to do the right thing. There is even State and/or Federal funding available to help with the installation costs. Let's pull our heads out of the sand and make it happen.	Timothy Stone	Jun 05, 2016, 04:18 PM	43.08199	-70.70337296	Opportunities	3
There is a floating pump out service available.	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 09:37 AM	43.08199	-70.70337296	Opportunities	3

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There is a pumpout boat operated by the State of NH. However; the pumpout boat operates limited hours, you need to make an appointment to get a pumpout, the boat must cover a large area, and in general it is inconvenient to use. Last year the pumpout boat was out of commission most if not all of the summer! In order to get more boaters to do legal pumpouts, there needs to be 24/7 access to a conveniently located land-based pumpout facility. Pepperrell Cove is that location for boats travelling on the Piscataqua River.	Timothy Stone	Jun 07, 2016, 12:37 PM	43.08199	-70.70337296	Opportunities	3

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Make sure that any future use of the downtown library buildings conserves ALL of the historic exterior/interior and retains public value. If it becomes a museum, then it should have free or low cost access to Kittery residents and a strong program of public outreach & educational events, not just a collection of relics behind closed doors.	Jennifer Brewer	Jun 06, 2016, 09:14 PM	43.0863	-70.74283361	Opportunities	3
The historic library should remain a library. This building and services it provides all the residents of Kittery needs to remain as a anchor in the Foreside.	Ann Grinnell	Jun 08, 2016, 07:00 AM	43.0863	-70.74283361	Opportunities	3
The idea of a Navy museum & parking lot will draw more traffic to a congested area.	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:32 AM	43.0863	-70.74283361	Opportunities	3

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Rice library and the Traip house are some of the more beautiful and historic buildings in our town. There is an opportunity to create something nicer between them than a gravel parking lot. I.e. a park or a public space of some kind.	Erling Saevarsson	Jun 09, 2016, 10:33 PM	43.08651	-70.7426244	Opportunities	3
John Paul Jones park is nice but could be made more people friendly. For example connecting it with crosswalks, and adding a playground for kids.	Erling Saevarsson	Jun 09, 2016, 10:49 PM	43.08511	-70.75046182	Opportunities	3
One park that should be dog free in summer or double fines & enforce. Add video surveillance if necessary. Do not list on www.bringfido.com	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:42 AM	43.08511	-70.75046182	Opportunities	3
And if not a playground, perhaps a community garden.	Marissa Day	Jun 15, 2016, 11:33 PM	43.08511	-70.75046182	Opportunities	3

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It is of the highest priority to work and communicate with the shipyard on a regular basis on how they will be protecting this community from contamination of any toxic chemicals that may be in use for future heavy storms that we will see at some point. It will only take one significant incident and we may be faced with a permanent contamination otherwise. I know the community wants to hear that this is being addressed.	Gayle Wells	Jun 10, 2016, 08:22 AM	43.08091	-70.73448658	Challenges	3
Seek public transportation system funding with town vans. Traffic light at KCC...pedestrian activated.	Tom Hibschan	Mar 17, 2016, 01:20 PM			Public Benefits	2

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Portsmouth Prescott Park has 3 wooden piers and the city recently added another in front of Memorial park off the Daniel St/State St loop under the Memorial bridge. Would people enjoy a pier in Kittery Foreside? If so, where could it be? The only pier in Kittery I'm aware of is the one at Fort Foster.	Marissa Day	Apr 15, 2016, 11:07 PM			Other, Public Be	2
Put signs up to remind joggers/walkers to WalkRight/RideLeft. This should be done on Rt. 103, Haley Rd., Shapleigh Rd., and others. This saves lives.	Mark Alesse	Jun 02, 2016, 12:31 PM	43.084	-70.72004557	Opportunities	2
Sidewalks would be a huge help. There are many places in these areas where walking on the right is not safe, because of corners, or lack of a shoulder to walk on.	Kelly Philbrook	Jun 03, 2016, 05:51 AM	43.084	-70.72004557	Opportunities	2
Look into ability to lease parking lot for Pepperrell Cove overflow parking as well as public parking.	Kelly Philbrook	Jun 03, 2016, 09:24 PM	43.08332	-70.70393085	Opportunities	2

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Consider community land trust for workforce/affordable housing & arts-related business start ups & studios -in location walkable to Portsmouth & shipyard	Jennifer Brewer	Jun 06, 2016, 09:18 PM	43.0863	-70.75032234	Opportunities	2
Tennis Courts.....can they be made available to the public or used to tennis lessons through KCC?	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 09:24 AM	43.09146	-70.7278347	Challenges	2
Many bikers and walkers use this road which has heavy speeding traffic including tractor trailer trucks. Speed limit needs to be better enforced and large trucks forbidden on this road. .	Barbara Dickinson	Jun 09, 2016, 06:41 PM	43.08811	-70.73575258	Challenges	2
Opportunities (how should we take advantage of these?) Challenges (how should we address these?)	Town of Kittery	Mar 12, 2016, 08:14 PM			Public Benefits	1
Sustainability, International Dark Sky lighting	Tom Hibschan	Mar 16, 2016, 12:46 AM			Public Benefits	1

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Apply ordinances now that rather than waiting until 2107 to start. Protect scenic views with limit on fence height of 3 feet. LED lighting ordinances no animated signs limit on lumen output.	Tom Hibschan	Mar 16, 2016, 12:52 AM			Public Benefits	1
Public transportation!	Tom Hibschan	Mar 16, 2016, 12:47 AM			Public Benefits	1
Is Next public forum June 11?	Tom Hibschan	Mar 16, 2016, 01:06 AM			Timeline	1
If a new library is built, a suitable use must be found for the old Rice Library building. My suggestion would be to move the Kittery Naval Museum and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum into the Rice building. Perhaps the Shipyard could be urged to purchase the Rice building for this purpose.	Mark Alesse	Mar 17, 2016, 01:15 PM			Public Benefits	1
That building would make a great museum. I agree.	Todd Rollins	Mar 18, 2016, 08:33 AM			Public Benefits	1
Love this idea. Great use of this building. If this can't be done could we turn it into a Children's museum ?	Monique Hendriks	Mar 23, 2016, 11:46 PM			Public Benefits	1

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My suggestion would be also to use the Rice Library building as a museum and special collections (antheneum), but to broaden its focus to include a lot more than just naval and naval shipyard relics.	Cathy Wolff	Mar 24, 2016, 04:35 PM			Public Benefits	1
Review traffic studies on 103, traffic circle and flow to 4 lanes to Navy Yard gate	Tom Hibsichman	Mar 17, 2016, 01:17 PM			Transportation,	1

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The Town Council is making a decision this evening (Mon 5/23) whether to continue to monitor for and fix water quality issues in Spruce Creek. Please write your councilors in support of this important work - show them that you care about public safety, economic well-being and environmental health. This is NOT a public hearing so you have to let the Town Council members know you care. PLEASE SHARE YOUR SUPPORT **TODAY** with council members via email - http://www.kitteryme.gov/Pages/KitteryME_Council/index . Thank you! Phyllis Ford, Spruce Creek Association	Phyllis Ford	May 23, 2016, 08:52 AM			Other, Sustainable	1
Concerned about too many signs... another sign for wear white at night & wear reflective tape?	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:56 AM	43.084	-70.72004557	Opportunities	1

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We have lots of street lights in town in very rural spots that probably don't see much traffic nor are they very dangerous. Is there an opportunity to cut down on light pollution and save \$ by turning these off (and maybe some day selling/recycling them)?	Phyllis Ford	Jun 02, 2016, 03:59 PM	43.09725	-70.70367336	Opportunities	1
there is no street light here	Deane Rykerson	Jun 02, 2016, 05:01 PM	43.09725	-70.70367336	Opportunities	1
Yeah, I just plopped the pin down. I'll start to take a look but I know there is one on Bond Road, which certainly is not high volume traffic at any hour.	Phyllis Ford	Jun 02, 2016, 05:07 PM	43.09725	-70.70367336	Opportunities	1
Solar-powered rectangular rapid flashing beacon for pedestrian crosswalk	Gary Beers	Jun 04, 2016, 01:32 PM	43.11176	-70.73429346	Opportunities	1
Starting at Hicks Rocks and extending to the old trestle is supposed to be 'NO WAKE' zone. We really need this marked clearly and enforced. A no wake buoy would help at the marked location. Thank You	Mike Varney	Jun 06, 2016, 01:14 PM	43.08246	-70.71938038	Challenges	1

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Same for Brave Boat Harbor with cigarette boats and larger power boats that tear up salt marsh in RCNWR.	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:53 AM	43.08246	-70.71938038	Challenges	1
Consider working waterfront self-guided tour to educate tourists. See: http://www.afsnet.org/news/262108/Working-Waterfront-Resources-of-Interest-to-Folklorists.htm	Jennifer Brewer	Jun 06, 2016, 09:16 PM	43.08378	-70.74944258	Opportunities	1
Extend shoulder on Route One Southbound across from Dunkin Donuts, approaching light at Haley	debbie driscoll davis	Jun 07, 2016, 09:26 AM	43.11909	-70.72410107	Challenges	1
Ban all use of traps that maim or snare throughout the town. This would apply to conservation areas and parks as well as other areas. Think of the wild animals as well as dogs and cats.	Stephen Hall	Jun 09, 2016, 04:17 PM	43.10029	-70.68054199	Opportunities	1
A four way stop sign at Whipple & Woodlawn, one at Manson and another at KCC would slow things down.	Tom Emerson	Jun 09, 2016, 09:23 PM	43.08811	-70.73575258	Challenges	1

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Walk/run/bike trail. (Closed when the train comes through.)	Erling Saevarsson	Jun 09, 2016, 10:55 PM	43.08795	-70.74493647	Opportunities	1
Construct sidewalk the length of Love Lane to provide safe pedestrian access to the same 'shortcut' that hundreds of speeding vehicles use. This would connect three heaviest use retail areas of town: post office, Foreside, and 'Gourmet Alley.'	Neil Portnoy	Jun 10, 2016, 04:27 PM	43.08865	-70.74552119	Opportunities	1
modify this road to be more attractive...change the name so NOT a by-pass of Kittery .. make it less of an arterial with tree islands, access to improved commercial facilities with visual barriers from parkway. Major attack needed on DOT status quo by elected reps D Lincoln	david lincoln	Jun 10, 2016, 04:38 PM	43.09615	-70.75063004	Challenges	1

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Trying for WOOD ISLAND, website says NOT in Kittery .. wrong-o !!! Hoe to stop concept of having tourist trap develop no this historic landmark, History could be shared by a series of dioramas located on Ft Foster , with visuals and editorial of lifesaving station in action , Ft Foster and WILSA mgmt. would have to think outside the box D Lincoln	david lincoln	Jun 10, 2016, 04:45 PM	43.06715	-70.69365263	Challenges	1
I know they were once a superfund site and may still be. The DEP and DOD share in the cleanup responsibility. Assurance from them that they have all chemicals, nuclear material, etc secured and protected from storm surge, flooding, etc. is important for this and all other local communities.	Gayle Wells	Jun 10, 2016, 08:06 PM	43.07931	-70.73422909	Challenges	1

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Wouldn't it be grand if the large asphalt space in front of the post office be converted into a little mixed use neighborhood - with a cluster of 3 story mixed use buildings, including and service retailers and electronic specialty shops D. Lincoln	david lincoln	Jun 11, 2016, 07:27 PM	43.09062	-70.73565259	Opportunities	1
Add crosswalk crossing 103 following Main St. This would connect with the suggested sidewalk in front of Loco Coco's parking lot fence.	Marissa Day	Jun 15, 2016, 11:21 PM	43.08687	-70.7469964	Challenges	1
This should be an opportunity, but I don't see an option to edit.	Marissa Day	Jun 15, 2016, 11:22 PM	43.08687	-70.7469964	Challenges	1

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Over the course of the next year we are planning a series of public forums focused on specific phases of the planning process and a continuous community conversation on-line, here, with you. Please participate as much as you can so that we are able to incorporate your concerns and desires regarding the future of Kittery, into the Plan. Let's work together to make Kittery an even better place to live, work and play!	Town of Kittery	Jan 07, 2016, 05:29 PM			Transportation,	0
what is plan timeline?	Tom Hibsichman	Feb 08, 2016, 06:38 PM			Other	0
Please see the timeline by clicking on 'Timeline' above. The Plan needs approval from Town Council and then it will go on the ballot for voter approval.	Town of Kittery	Feb 08, 2016, 06:53 PM			Other	0

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Please see the timeline by clicking on 'Timeline' above. The Plan needs approval from Town Council and then it will go on the ballot for voter approval.	Town of Kittery	Feb 08, 2016, 06:53 PM			Other	0
This used to be taught in schools. I think police officers could stop/talk with these folks and inform them. I agree that this is extremely important.... I don't think signage is the way... It is often more complicated i.e.: pedestrian with stroller, dog on leash, cell phone actively in use on wrong side of road. Probably not going to pay attention to a sign. But the kind officer with the important message would make the change happen.	Holly Elkins	Jun 10, 2016, 03:29 PM			Other	0
One of the goals of a Comprehensive Plan is to identify and preserve those features that make a community unique. What would you say makes Kittery unique?	Town of Kittery	Mar 12, 2016, 08:12 PM			Public Benefits	0

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Imagine you are king or queen for the day...	Town of Kittery	Mar 12, 2016, 08:13 PM			Public Benefits	0
I'd like to know what the shipyard and town have planned for the future. The traffic is unbearable and only gets worse with time and more are hired. One of the most important items in my mind.	Todd Rollins	Mar 17, 2016, 09:29 AM			Public Benefits	0
What kind of development (housing, commercial, industrial) would you consider to be desirable Where should it occur? Any specific desires or concerns?	Town of Kittery	Mar 12, 2016, 08:16 PM			Public Benefits	0
in the commercial corridors already connected to town sewer water	Tom Hibschan	Mar 16, 2016, 12:45 AM			Public Benefits	0

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York hospital building could have been better placed instead of right at the road. All new development should be kept to an appropriate size that reflects the community it will be inhabiting. That includes height and appropriate open space based on the building and it's setting. Maxing out a lot at the expense of a community should be avoided using reasonable parameters.	Gayle Wells	Jun 10, 2016, 07:58 AM			Public Benefits	0
(that you feel are important to change in the future)	Town of Kittery	Mar 12, 2016, 08:17 PM			Public Benefits	0
Traffic from the shipyard. Parking in Foreside sometimes an issue.	Todd Rollins	Mar 18, 2016, 08:33 AM			Public Benefits	0
(that you would want to ensure be preserved in the future)	Town of Kittery	Mar 12, 2016, 08:18 PM			Public Benefits	0
Forside and sense of community are my favorites.	Todd Rollins	Mar 17, 2016, 09:31 AM			Public Benefits	0

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Why introduce more traffic to a congested area? Expand the Naval Museum at present site. Use space on 2nd floor of Town Hall. Keep tourists nearer traffic circle.	Tom Hibsichman	Jun 10, 2016, 07:15 AM			Public Benefits	0
Have traffic studies been reviewed? Consider new studies with recent library proposal plans by KCC revealed. Are the state / town study results posted somewhere? Noticed sign today on 95 'Museums Forts 3 miles' on south bound side near weigh station. No additional directional signs at exit 2 or 236?	Tom Hibsichman	Mar 17, 2016, 04:47 PM			Transportation,	0

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The Planning Board should be charged with designating 'Scenic Roads' and 'Historic Buildings' within Kittery, and be given additional powers to protect them from over development or destruction. Recently, the 150 year old Hoyt House on Pepperrell Road was destroyed to make way for a new residence.	Mark Alesse	Mar 24, 2016, 04:10 PM			Public Benefits	0
I'm interested in being more involved in the CP, especially plans for Kittery's Foreside where I live. Plans to assure workforce housing also interest me. I can't find anywhere on this site notice of when your meetings are except for the public forums. Thank you. Cathy Wolff 10 Old Armory Way, Kittery, ME 603-617-9704	Cathy Wolff	Mar 24, 2016, 04:32 PM			Other	0

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Hi Cathy, the Comprehensive Update Committee meets every third Wednesday of the month, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Town Hall.	Town of Kittery	Mar 24, 2016, 04:55 PM			Other	0
Cathy, the agenda for that meeting is at http://www.kitteryme.gov/Pages/KitteryME_CPUCAgenda/2016%20Agendas/	Marissa Day	Apr 15, 2016, 10:54 PM			Other	0
Kittery is sending 3 or 4 participants to the 'Better Safe than Sorry' climate change workshop today	Russell White	Jun 21, 2016, 03:01 PM			Sustainability	0
What was the outcome of this I wonder?	Todd Rollins	Jun 10, 2016, 10:32 AM			Other, Sustainability	0

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The Council has provisionally approved this project and on Mon 6/13 will vote on which budget shall be used - http://www.kitteryme.gov/Pages/KitteryME_CouncilAgendas/2016%20Town%20Council%20Agendas/Regular%20Agenda%205-23-16%20without%20background%20notes.pdf . Thank you one and all for sharing in the conversation around this.	Phyllis Ford	Jun 10, 2016, 12:10 PM			Other, Sustainable	0
The whole of this area either side of the 103 bridge should be a wake zone. This is true until past the trestles off Bond Rd. Need no wake signage on both sides of bridge for sure.	Phyllis Ford	Jun 02, 2016, 03:49 PM	43.08713	-70.71826458	Challenges	0
Need an energy audit of all lighting. Booth Bay Harbor has an IDA (Intrenational Dark Sky lighting ordinance. Light pollution and wasted energy... sustainability opportunity for Town	Tom Hilschman	Jun 10, 2016, 07:05 AM	43.09725	-70.70367336	Opportunities	0

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Yes, Tom - I know our lighting budget in town is something like \$100K. And to be clear, we are talking about night time street lights - not stop lights/ traffic lights. Out Bartlett there are 6 or 7 lights until the York town line.	Phyllis Ford	Jun 10, 2016, 10:12 AM	43.09725	-70.70367336	Opportunities	0
I agree on the street lights. I thought the conversation was about traffic lights	Deane Rykerson	Jun 10, 2016, 01:29 PM	43.09725	-70.70367336	Opportunities	0
BUT preferably not shoved off on the edge of town. Integrating housing is essential to maintaining character, at least of Foreside.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 06:59 AM	43.08901	-70.75152397	Opportunities	0
Would also help to increase enforcement of speed limits and post them.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 06:57 AM	43.08363	-70.75074098	Opportunities	0
A crosswalk is needed	Tom Ryan	Jun 03, 2016, 10:19 AM	43.08516	-70.75301839	Opportunities	0
Walkable village zone - 1/2 mile on each side of town line with York	Gary Beers	Jun 03, 2016, 12:15 PM	43.13262	-70.70225716	Opportunities	0

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Need to change large lot zoning & setbacks to a village model	Tom Emerson	Jun 09, 2016, 10:00 PM	43.13262	-70.70225716	Opportunities	0
RRFB	Gary Beers	Jun 04, 2016, 01:33 PM	43.11369	-70.73178291	Opportunities	0
The town dock at Traip Academy is perfect for launching boats but a dinghy dock downtown would welcome boaters to the Foreside shops. There already is a private dock there which could be improved and made commercially viable. The area has a very limited number of dinghy accessible restaurants especially now that the Pepperell cove restaurant seems out of service. Pat S/V Blue Skies	Pat Tormey	Jun 06, 2016, 07:11 AM			Opportunities	0
Contain long term public infrastructure and services costs due to sprawling development, particularly along Route 1 http://www.strongtowns.org/the-growth-ponzi-scheme/	Jennifer Brewer	Jun 06, 2016, 09:12 PM	43.12038	-70.72049618	Challenges	0

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Maintaining much of the inside also matters. But definitely steps should be made to make sure it remains a public building -- not a restaurant or retail or high-end condos.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 07:07 AM	43.0863	-70.74283361	Opportunities	0
At least reduce 1 parking space near the intersections on 103 with Main St, Otis, and Jones. It is difficult to see the traffic on 103 when pulling out of those streets because of the street parking.	Marissa Day	Jun 15, 2016, 11:23 PM	43.0865	-70.74598789	Opportunities	0
I'm all for bike lanes, but the parking on Walker is necessary to support the Foreside, especially to ward off the perceived need for a parking garage.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 06:53 AM	43.0865	-70.74598789	Opportunities	0
Must keep on-street parking near Foreside for those with mobility challenges.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 06:56 AM	43.08603	-70.74343443	Opportunities	0
A lot of activity in this area - this is a good idea to avoid congestion/accidents.	Nanci Lovett	Jun 07, 2016, 10:35 AM	43.11909	-70.72410107	Challenges	0

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I want to support this twice, because this would not only connect the Boat slips and Traip academy to the Foreside, which would make it easier to utilize the parking there for events such as the Blockparty and more, but it could potentially also create a better pedestrian connection between the Foreside and Kittery Center.	Erling Saevarsson	Jun 28, 2016, 07:15 AM	43.08613	-70.73942184	Opportunities	0
lovely idea	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 06:50 AM	43.09597	-70.74178219	Opportunities	0
get rid of used vehicle debris at locations claiming to be garages, and improve appearance to Kittery. If code needs changing ..do it ..then enforce it !!! D Lincoln	david lincoln	Jun 08, 2016, 09:09 AM	43.12613	-70.72193986	Challenges	0
Great office space	Chris DiMatteo	Jun 08, 2016, 02:22 PM	43.1013	-70.74324131	Opportunities	0
and more benches	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 07:04 AM	43.08511	-70.75046182	Opportunities	0
No dogs during summer months at JPJ park.	Tom Hibschan	Jun 10, 2016, 06:44 AM	43.08384	-70.75122356	Challenges	0

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And those emergency plans need to include from the Yard it's plans for dealing with the huge amounts of radioactive and other toxic materials located there.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 06:55 AM	43.08152	-70.72740555	Challenges	0
Yes!	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 07:02 AM	43.08091	-70.73448658	Challenges	0
which road? comments don't show where they correspond with map.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 07:07 AM	43.09615	-70.75063004	Challenges	0
Extend the side walk to the traffic circle -- wouldn't it be nice to be able to walk to Town Hall?	Debra Kam	Jun 10, 2016, 07:43 PM	43.10037	-70.74225426	Opportunities	0
Actually, the Yard had several designated superfund sites. Not sure current status. Lots of mercury involved.	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 07:11 AM	43.07931	-70.73422909	Challenges	0
and maybe workforce housing?	Cathy Wolff	Jun 28, 2016, 07:08 AM	43.09062	-70.73565259	Opportunities	0

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Let's tear down the KCC annex, before any money is spent on new roofing, and build a youth oriented connection facility which includes traditional library offerings but adds the elements proposed in the Traip CPU survey D. Lincoln	david lincoln	Jun 11, 2016, 07:30 PM	43.0972	-70.73591008	Opportunities	0

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Let's find a way to support the work of the Kittery Land Trust, both financially and by using their expertise to actualize the Comp Plan. The Land Trust is doing EXACTLY what citizens of Kittery appear to be saying, which is that we want done...which is the preservation of our historic and rural resources, unspoiled landscapes, and as yet, clean water bodies. KLT is a Kittery non-profit, comprised of Kittery people and dedicated to all of Kittery's betterment. I for one, would like to see the Town use this dedicated group of our neighbors to achieve some of the goals of the new Comprehensive Plan. It just makes sense to let them help us implement our own Comp Plan.	Mark Alesse	Jun 12, 2016, 11:54 AM			Opportunities	0
Enhance community skating facilities	Jeff Clifford	Jun 14, 2016, 04:17 PM	43.09268	-70.75229645	Opportunities	0

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It would be great to see a composting section located next to the recycle/trash windows. I'm aware that there is a mound in the back, but that is not convenient and I'm not sure if it is restricted to lawn/garden materials.	Marissa Day	Jun 15, 2016, 11:27 PM	43.11843	-70.75334787	Opportunities	0
Who owns this space of grass in front of Kate's, along the bridge, and out to the water? It has an opportunity for a public pier very similar to Portsmouth's on the opposite side of the river.	Marissa Day	Jun 15, 2016, 11:32 PM	43.0813	-70.75207114	Opportunities	0

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Establish a Town position, either salaried or hourly consultant, who is responsible, and paid, to secure grants which fund studies and implementation of Town needs,: such as relocation of KWT replaced with mixed use, affordable housing elimination of derelict structures ...establishment of Town waterfront, historical parks ... recognition and parades on Veterans Day, and 4th of July, ... blessing of the fishing fleet on the back channel	david lincoln	Jun 17, 2016, 09:45 AM	43.10169	-70.74203239	Challenges	0
KPA needs to also police and indicate with clear signage no PWC. Jet skis often enter the Spruce Creek basin and operate at high speeds. Noise issue and safety issue to many kayacks and swimmers.	Margaret Allen	Jun 28, 2016, 01:32 PM	43.08466	-70.71461678	Challenges	0

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**Ride Right ... Walk Left signage needed**
(/user/3764/)
Mark Alesse (/user/3764/)

Many people walk and run on the wrong side of the road with their backs to oncoming traffic. Recently, a young woman was hit and killed in York because she was on the wrong side of the road and did not see a car coming toward her.

Bicyclists know they should ride on the right, with traffic.
Runners and walkers seem not to know they should be on the left side facing oncoming traffic.

I suggest that the town post signage on all major roadways (Rt. 103, Haley Rd., Rogers Rd., Rt 1, etc.) informing people of this important advice.


Other

SupportReplyShareMar 12, 2016, 04:47 PM

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**Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)**
(/user/3347/)


wear light clothing / reflective at night dusk

SupportShareMar 16, 2016, 12:44 AM

**Todd Rollins (/user/3818/)**
(/user/3818/)

The sidewalk that has been approved, planned and funded for years along 103/Whipple needs to be completed before someone gets run over.

SupportShareMar 17, 2016, 09:28 AM

**Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)**
(/user/3347/)

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Click here to see the planning process diagram
(http://kitteryme.gov/Pages/KitteryME_CompPlan2015/C

http://www.courbanize.com/kittery-comprehensive-plan/comments


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Spent any funds to widen the traffic circle & corridor from traffic circle to Navy Yard gate to 4 lanes.

Suggest portions of 103 be closed except to residents on 103 perhaps on Sundays for certain hours. In NYC, Park ave. was closed for certain hours. In Cambridge, Ma Memorial drive is closed on Sundays.

Also, add hundreds of motorcycles & car road rallies to the mix on 103 in the summer.

Speed limit is not enforced on 103... police could use the speed indicator reminder unit to slow.

Support 1  Share Mar 17, 2016, 01:14 PM



"no idling" signs/ordinances; "no excessive noise" signs/ordinances (/user/3744/)

Lynn Bowditch (/user/3744/)

Hi - I own the Portsmouth Harbor Inn & Spa just off Route 1 on Water St. It is unlikely that I'll be able to make the meeting this Saturday, as I don't have coverage.

So I'd like the town to take appropriate action:

1. to enact ordinances:
 - a. prohibiting idling of all types of engines on the public roads (e.g., while waiting for one of the bridges to open), and
 - b. prohibiting excessive noise on the public roads;

2. to have signs printed and installed on the public roads advising of these no-idling and no excessive noise ordinances; and

3. to enforce these ordinances with fines. And actually make their enforcement a priority - when the Memorial Bridge is up, it is terribly noisy from the Bridge out to Government Street at least, and the air stinks of exhaust. Cars, truck and motorcycles sit, the trucks and cycles rev their engines, and pollute the air. The noise ordinance also applies particularly to trucks and cycles, which frequently have totally inadequate mufflers, and, again, rev their engines along this stretch of Rte 1 to the Bridge. It really spoils the atmosphere of the neighborhood down by the River.

Please contact me if you'd like to discuss.

Lynn Spann Bowditch
info@innatportsmouth.com (mailto:info@innatportsmouth.com)
207-439-4040

♥ Sustainability

Support Reply  Share Mar 11, 2016, 01:41 PM




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Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

One "No idling" Sign exists now in Traip parking lot.
Agree we need many more....including our parks & outlets

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Is next public forum June 11? (/user/3347/)

Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

Is Next public forum June 11?

♥ Timeline

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Town of Kittery (/kittery-comprehensive-plan/project-developer/)

Yes, the next public forum is on Saturday, June 11 from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM at the STAR Theatre. Hope to see you all there!

Support  Share Mar 24, 2016, 03:59 PM



What to do with the Rice Library building?

(/user/3764/)

Mark Alesse (/user/3764/)

If a new library is built, a suitable use must be found for the old Rice Library building. My suggestion would be to move the Kittery Naval Museum and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum into the Rice building. Perhaps the Shipyard could be urged to purchase the Rice building for this purpose.

Public Benefits

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Todd Rollins (/user/3818/)

That building would make a great museum. I agree.

Support  Share Mar 18, 2016, 08:33 AM



Monique Hendriks (/user/3790/)


Love this idea. Great use of this building. If this can't be done could we turn it into a Children's museum ?

Support 1  Share Mar 23, 2016, 11:46 PM



Cathy Wolff (/user/3890/)

My suggestion would be also to use the Rice Library building as a museum and special collections (antheneum), but to broaden its focus to include a lot more than just naval and naval shipyard relics.

Support  Share Mar 24, 2016, 04:35 PM



4. Looking ahead, what would you say will be some of the important issues we should take into account when planning for the future?

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Opportunities (how should we take advantage of these?)

Challenges (how should we address these?)

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Monique Hendriks (/user/3790/)

Kittery has been going through some real positive changes in the last few (5?) years. Restaurants, bars, coffee shops are doing really well. We should:

Build a business environment and infrastructure that should support continued growth in a structured way. It is clear that with this positive growth traffic to downtown is increasing and we would need appropriate parking options to continue to support more growth. Parking should be made available outside the heart of the town. Create or improve safe bike roads and pedestrian walkways from a "new to be developed parking option" to down town Kittery. Keep car traffic out of town to allow for more development downtown and avoid congestion, more terras options.

Make public playgrounds available that are safe and can be accessed by safe walk ways or bike roads. Kids should have a place to meet other kids and entertain themselves :play basketball, table tennis, use swings or just ride their bikes together. Technology is a must these days and you can't keep them 100% away from lpads/phones but we should give them easy access to other options that improve social and communication skills which they will need later in any business environment. Negotiations start early in life.... Obviously the playgrounds should be in a safe environment separated from traffic (fence) so parents can feel secure and comfortable to have them go on their own.

The Rec center is already a great success, again get easier access via walks ways and bike roads.

Support 3 Share Mar 14, 2016, 11:21 PM



Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

Sustainability, International Dark Sky lighting

Support 1 Share Mar 16, 2016, 12:46 AM



Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

Apply ordinances now that rather than waiting until 2107 to start.

Protect scenic views with limit on fence height of 3 feet.

LED lighting ordinances no animated signs & limit on lumen output.

Support Share Mar 16, 2016, 12:52 AM



3. What are your thoughts regarding additional development in Kittery?

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Town of Kittery (/kittery-comprehensive-plan/project-developer/)

What kind of development (housing, commercial, industrial) would you consider to be desirable Where should it occur?

Any specific desires or concerns?

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Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

in the commercial corridors already connected to town sewer & water

Support Share Mar 16, 2016, 12:45 AM



Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

Public transportation!

Support 1 Share Mar 16, 2016, 12:47 AM



Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

Seek public transportation system funding with town vans.

Traffic light at KCC...pedestrian activated.

Support 2 Share Mar 17, 2016, 01:20 PM



6. What makes Kittery unique?

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Town of Kittery (/kittery-comprehensive-plan/project-developer/)

One of the goals of a Comprehensive Plan is to identify and preserve those features that make a community unique.

What would you say makes Kittery unique?

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1. What are your FAVORITE things about Kittery?

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(that you would want to ensure be preserved in the future)

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Todd Rollins (/user/3818/)

Foreside and sense of community are my favorites.

Support Share Mar 17, 2016, 09:31 AM



imagine

(/user/3347/)

Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

So imagine redesign rebuild all of Town Hall, DPW, Naval & museum property to 2 or 3 real floors, move DPW & water district west of 95 so no room for future casino. Send traffic up route 1 or south on bypass rather than sending more traffic into crowded Foreside. You could have quite the Navy Yard museum complex and relate to Thresher where most of the tourist traffic flow is passing by for a "Discover Kittery" center as well. Must be a left over a sub conning tower around to have public see from traffic circle (which will need to have more lanes added)

Too bad the town has sold off some great parcels of real estate to watch others development successfully. Somewhat like a chess game with no space to move anymore and being down a lot of key pieces...Town seems to be in continual stalemate or always "checking" itself.

The "Discovery Maine Center" is already in Kittery just off 95. So the Town could buy up property near there & build as well. Would be fun for tourists to do ropes and visit a submarine & Navy Yard museum up there too.

The citizens need to attend Council Meetings with action steps they want Town to take. Steps that are justified by concrete facts not emotions. Hopefully all the Town Council will attend forums.

Would like to see ordinances soon rather than wait until plan over in 2017. Embrace town wide sustainable practices now.

"The great arrogance of the present is to forget the intelligence of the past" Ken Burns

Other Transportation Timeline Sustainability Retail Ideas Public Benefits
Housing Commercial space

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2. What are your LEAST favorite things about Kittery?

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(that you feel are important to change in the future)

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Todd Rollins (/user/3818/)

Traffic from the shipyard. Parking in Foreside sometimes an issue.

Support Share Mar 18, 2016, 08:33 AM



5. If you could do one thing to improve Kittery, what would it be?

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Imagine you are king or queen for the day...

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Support Reply Share Mar 12, 2016, 08:13 PM

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**when will the plan be completed and is there a public vote?**

(/user/3347/)

Tom Hibschan (/user/3347/)

what is plan timeline?

Other

Support Reply Share Feb 08, 2016, 06:38 PM



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Town of Kittery (/kittery-comprehensive-plan/project-developer/)

Please see the timeline by clicking on "Timeline" above. The Plan needs approval from Town Council and then it will go on the ballot for voter approval.

Support 1 Share Feb 08, 2016, 06:53 PM



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Town of Kittery (/kittery-comprehensive-plan/project-developer/)

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Support Share Feb 08, 2016, 06:53 PM

**Public pier on the Piscataqua River?**

(/user/3927/)

Marissa Day (/user/3927/)

Portsmouth Prescott Park has 3 wooden piers and the city recently added another in front of Memorial park off the Daniel St/State St loop under the Memorial bridge. Would people enjoy a pier in Kittery Foreside? If so, where could it be?

The only pier in Kittery I'm aware of is the one at Fort Foster.

Other Public Benefits

Support Reply Share Apr 15, 2016, 11:07 PM



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Over the course of the next year we are planning a series of public forums focused on specific phases of the planning process and a continuous community conversation on-line, here, with you. Please participate as much as you can so that we are able to incorporate your concerns and desires regarding the future of Kittery, into the Plan.

Let's work together to make Kittery an even better place to live, work and play!

Transportation Sustainability Public Benefits Housing Commercial space

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CP meeting schedule? How to get more involved?

(/user/3890/)

Cathy Wolff (/user/3890/)

I'm interested in being more involved in the CP, especially plans for Kittery's Foreside where I live.

Plans to assure workforce housing also interest me.

I can't find anywhere on this site notice of when your meetings are except for the public forums.

Thank you.

Cathy Wolff

10 Old Armory Way, Kittery, ME

603-617-9704

Other

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Write a reply...



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Town of Kittery (/kittery-comprehensive-plan/project-developer/)

Hi Cathy, the Comprehensive Update Committee meets every third Wednesday of the month, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Town Hall.

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Marissa Day (/user/3927/)

Cathy, the agenda for that meeting is at

http://www.kitteryme.gov/Pages/KitteryME_CPUCAgenda/2016%20Agendas/

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Teen Voice: May 20, 2016 Traip Academy

A visioning session was held at the Traip Academy and led by high school students who had attended the Comprehensive Plan town-wide public forum. The Consultant Team provided support and guidance. The following is input received at the teen forum.

#1

Favorites:

- Historical Sites (Forts, etc.)****
- Beaches*
- Small Community*
- Accepting Local People*
- Clean Environment*
- Forests and scenic beauty**
- Not Too urban
- Shipyard
- Food
- Kittery Block Party
- "Wood Island"
- Outlets
- Open Space to Build on
- Small School

Least Favorite:

- Not "Green"/Pollution*
- Culture of community
- Motels on by pass (Attracting drug dealers and crime)
- Poor Maintenance @ Athletic Fields (Need Improvements)
- Lack of athletic fields/space. (Need Expansion)**
- Shipyard/236 Traffic***
- Road conditions*
- Town Council
- Tourist Attractions
- Wasting land that is for animals
- No "Teen" places

#2/3 What do we want to add/change in Kittery?

- Small Local business
- Parking Garage**
 - In Foreside
- Bike Racks
- Bike Friendly Roads***
- Electric Charger for Cars
- Malls
 - Challenge: Balance between Pedestrians and traffic
 - Attract online businesses (i.e, Ebay Store)
- Companies that will employ teenagers
- Clean up abandoned building on Route 1*
 - "Hive" for bad things

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- Turn into Place for Teens
- Community Health Center
 - Help drug problem
- Parking***
- Expanding housing
- Creating policies and codes
- Bring more business
 - Challenge: Need Land, Need housing
- Additions to Foreside*
- Sports Fields**
- More attractions (Make Kittery known for something besides the outlets)
- Add more to our Parks
 - Ice Cream stands
 - Floats sales
- Housing
- Don't impede on Nature
- Don't Expand too much commercialization
- Development near the outlets
- Bridges across Route 1
- "De-Franchise"
- Public Transportation**
 - Shuttles
- Sidewalks
- Hotels (not Motels)
 - A "Maine Style Motel"
- Tours
 - Given by Traip Students
- Places for Teens**
 - Skate Parks
 - Public Pools
- Music Venues
- Nature Trails Connecting Parts of Kittery
- Soup Kitchen*
- Being more efficient/"Green"
 - Mandatory Compost
- Preserving Land

Library:

- Keeping it where it is
 - Beautiful, Sound building
 - Centralized
 - One less thing to worry about if remains in current location*
 - Consolidate building in the Rice Building*
- Moving it to the KCC
 - Would be accessible from the Rec
 - Closer to neighborhoods
 - An unnecessary project to move it to the KCC
 - Without eliminating playing field
- Sell The newer building*
 - Attract a new business in its place
- During the summer put library in Star Theatre, move Star Theatre outside

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Hunting in Town Forest:

- Town Forest Needs to be preserved, No Hunting
- Scheduled Hunting Times*
- Signed
- Eliminate all Hunting in Town Forest*
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Dogs:

- Leash Law must be enforced
- Dogs should be allowed in public areas
- Dog poop control
 - More trash cans
 - Compost bins for dog poop

School:

- Create more Options
- Take advantage of Location*
 - Water/Dock
- Put better use to space
- Build relationship with Navy Yard
- Fundraising through Tourists
 - "School Store"
 - Sell School merchandise (Student Art, Athletic Gear, etc.)
 - Teach kids a class through the store, learning how to manage money, etc.

#4

One Thing:

- Teen Center/Activities*
- Connect the different aspects of town
- Athletic Fields
- Making Kittery "Green"
- Connect school to community**
- Small Local Business



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http://www.kitteryme.gov/Pages/KitteryME_News/057CC65F-000F8513

Kittery Comprehensive Plan Top 25 Key Recommendations

(Numbering does not in anyway indicate priority)

The following are the Top 25 recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan. They have been informed by an assessment of existing conditions and predictable trends, public input, discussions with the Steering Committee and Town Staff, State of Maine requirements, and best practice.

Please indicate whether you support these recommended strategies.

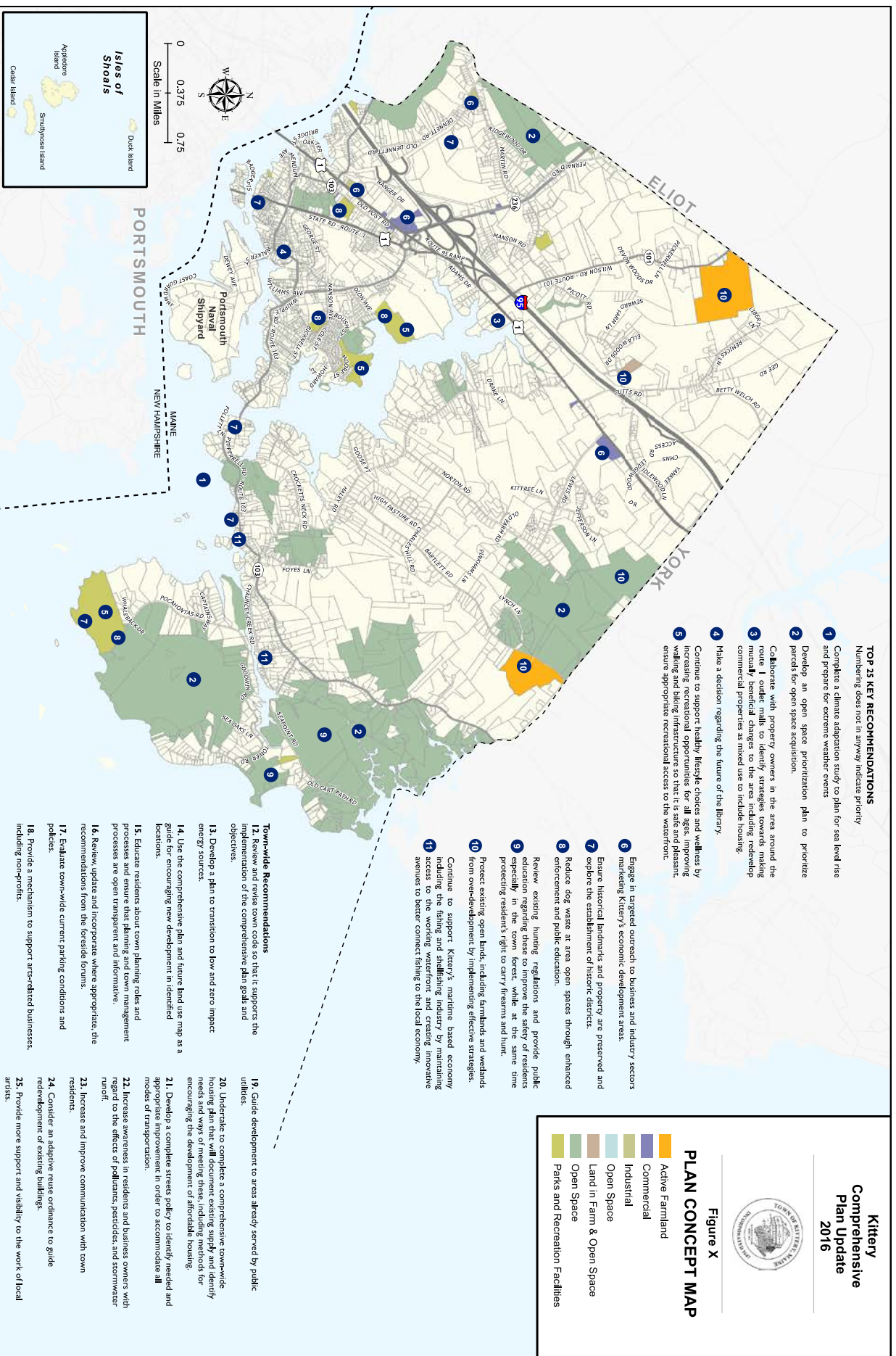
Please fill out and return either by mail, emailing a scan to cdimatteo@kitteryme.org or drop this off at the Planning and Code Counter, Town Hall, ideally by 11/30.

Please indicate your support the following top goal recommendations?	0: No support 1: Low priority 2: Medium priority 3: High Priority
1. Complete a Climate Adaptation Study to plan for sea level rise and prepare for extreme weather events	
2. Develop a Plan to for Town facilities and property owners to transition to low and zero impact energy sources	
3. Develop an open space prioritization plan in coordination with the Kittery Land Trust to prioritize parcels for open space acquisition	
4. Use the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map as a guide for encouraging new development in identified locations, while protecting open spaces, agricultural land, and natural and historical resources while keeping in mind that climate change and areas at risk will change the overlay map	
5. Collaborate with property owners in the area that includes the Route 1 Outlet Malls to identify strategies for appropriate and viable future redevelopment, including exploring options to provide mixed use opportunities for commercial properties (e.g. including housing)	
6. Educate residents about town planning roles and processes and ensure that planning and Town management processes are open transparent and informative.	
7. Develop a long-range facility plan for the library .	
8. Continue to support healthy lifestyle choices and wellness by increasing recreational opportunities for all ages, improving walking and biking infrastructure so that it is safe and pleasant, ensure appropriate recreational access to the waterfront	
9. Review, update and incorporate where appropriate, the recommendations from the Foreside Forums.	
10. Continue to support Kittery's maritime based economy including the fishing and shellfishing industry by maintaining access to the working waterfront and creating innovative avenues to better connect fishing to the local economy	
11. Engage in targeted outreach to business and industry sectors marketing Kittery's economic development areas.	
12. Undertake to complete a Comprehensive town-wide Housing Plan that will document existing supply and identify needs and ways of meeting these, including methods for encouraging the development of affordable housing	

Kittery Comprehensive Plan Top 25 Key Recommendations

Please indicate your support the following top goal recommendations?	0: No support 1: Low priority 2: Medium priority 3: High Priority
13. Develop a Complete Streets Policy to identify needed and appropriate improvement in order to accommodate all modes of transportation and make streets attractive and safe which would encourage more pedestrian and biking activities.	
14. Evaluate Town-wide current parking conditions and policies	
15. Ensure historical landmarks and property are preserved and explore the establishment of historic districts	
16. Provide a mechanism to support arts-related businesses , including non-profits, by means of the town's operating budget or Instituting a "Percent for Art" program in the construction of public improvements.	
17. Reduce dog waste at area open spaces through enhanced enforcement and public education	
18. Review existing hunting regulations and provide public education regarding these to improve the safety of residents especially in the Town Forest, while at the same time protecting resident's right to carry firearms and hunt	
19. Increase awareness in residents and business owners with regard to the effects of pollutants, pesticides, and Stormwater runoff	
20. Guide development to areas already served by public utilities, such as sewer and water.	
21. Protect existing open lands , including farmlands and wetlands from over-development by implementing effective land use and zoning strategies	
22. Increase and improve communication with Town residents	
23. Consider an Adaptive Reuse Ordinance to guide redevelopment of existing buildings	
24. Provide more support and visibility to the work of local artists such as developing a public art program that may include placing the work of Kittery's visual artists within the Kittery landscape on a rotating basis	
25. Review and revise Town Code so that it supports the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives, is clear, promotes best practice, and is easy to use	

Kittery Comprehensive Plan Top 25 Key Recommendations



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COMMENTS AND THOUGHTS?

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Please indicate your support the following top goal recommendations?														NO TO LOW PRIORITY			MEAN
			# High Priority	# Med Priority	# Low Priority	# No Priority	# No answer	SUPPORT	HIGH	MED	LOW	NO	MED TO HIGH	% MED TO HIGH PRIORITY	% LOW TO NO		
1. Complete a Climate Adaptation Study to plan for sea level rise and prepare for extreme weather events	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	0	2.2
2. Develop a Plan to for Town facilities and property owners to transition to low and zero impact energy sources	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	1	3	2	3	3	3	1	1	0	2.1
3. Develop an open space prioritization plan in coordination with the Kittery Land Trust to produce parcels for open space acquisition	3	3	3	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	0	2.3
4. Use the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map as a guide for encouraging new development in identified locations, while protecting open spaces, agricultural land, and natural and historical resources while keeping in mind that climate change and areas at risk will change the overlay map	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	0	2.6
5. Collaborate with property owners in the area that includes the Route 1 Outlet Mall to identify strategies for appropriate and viable future redevelopment, including exploring options to provide mixed use opportunities for commercial properties (e.g. including housing)	2	3	1	3	3	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	0	2.1
6. Educate residents about town planning roles and processes and ensure that planning and town management processes are open transparent and informative.	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	20	6	2.5
7. Develop a long range facility plan for the library.	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	4	3	2	0	2	2	3	2.0
8. Continue to support healthy lifestyle choices and wellness by increasing recreational opportunities for all ages, improving walking and biking infrastructure so that it is safe and pleasant, ensure appropriate recreational access to the waterfront	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	0	2.6
9. Review, update and incorporate where appropriate, the recommendations from the Foreside Forums.	2	1	0	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	5	15	1.7
10. Continue to support Kittery's maritime based economy including the fishing and shellfishing industry by maintaining access to the working waterfront and creating innovative avenues to better connect fishing to the local economy	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	0	2.3
11. Engage in targeted outreach to business and industry sectors marketing Kittery's economic development areas.	1	2	0	1	3	3	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	1.8
12. Undertake to complete a Comprehensive Town wide Housing Plan that will document existing supply and identify needs and ways of meeting these, including methods for encouraging the development of affordable housing	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	8	2.3
13. Develop a Complete Streets Policy to identify needed and appropriate improvement in order to accommodate all modes of transportation and make streets attractive and safe which would encourage more pedestrian and biking activities.	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	0	2.2
14. Evaluate Town-wide current parking conditions and policies	2	1	1	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	1.7
15. Ensure historical landmarks and property are preserved and explore the establishment of historic districts	3	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	0	6	12	2.0
16. Provide a mechanism to support arts-related businesses, including non-profit, by means of the town's operating budget or instituting a "Percent for Art" program in the construction of public improvements.	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	0	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1.7

17. Reduce dog waste at area open spaces through enhanced enforcement and public education	3	2	2	2	1	1	3	0	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	0	9	12	7	2	0	30.0%	40.0%	23.3%	6.7%	21	70.0%	9	30.0%	1.9				
18. Review existing hunting regulations and provide public education regarding these to hunters, landowners, and residents. Encourage hunters to be responsible and to protect the rights of others, while at the same time protecting residents' right to carry firearms and hunt	3	2	0	1	3	2	2	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	2	2	2	1	3	3	1	0	8	8	11	3	0	26.7%	26.7%	36.7%	10.0%	16	53.3%	14	46.7%	1.7
19. Increase awareness in residents and business owners with regard to the effects of pollutants, pesticides, and stormwater runoff	2	3	3	1	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	1	3	2	0	16	9	4	1	0	53.3%	30.0%	13.3%	3.3%	25	83.3%	5	16.7%	2.3				
20. Guide development to areas already served by public utilities, such as sewer and water.	3	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	0	3	3	2	2	2	1	3	0	11	14	3	2	0	36.7%	46.7%	10.0%	6.7%	25	83.3%	5	16.7%	2.1		
21. Protect existing open lands, including farmlands and wetlands from over-development by implementing effective land use and zoning strategies	3	3	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	0	16	12	1	1	0	53.3%	40.0%	3.3%	3.3%	28	93.3%	2	6.7%	2.4				
22. Increase and improve communication with Town residents	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	2	0	17	9	3	1	0	56.7%	30.0%	10.0%	3.3%	26	86.7%	4	13.3%	2.4		
23. Consider an Adaptive Reuse Ordinance to guide redevelopment of existing buildings	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	0	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	0	12	14	2	2	0	40.0%	46.7%	6.7%	6.7%	26	86.7%	4	13.3%	2.2		
24. Provide more support and visibility to the work of local artists such as developing a public art program that may include placing the work of Kittery's visual artists within the Kittery landscape on a rotating basis	2	1	3	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	0	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	0	1	0	8	11	8	3	0	26.7%	36.7%	26.7%	10.0%	19	63.3%	11	36.7%	1.8		
25. Review and revise Town Code so that it supports the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan goals and objectives, is clear, promotes best practice, and is easy to use	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	3	2	3	0	15	11	3	1	0	50.0%	36.7%	10.0%	3.3%	26	86.7%	4	13.3%	2.3			

[ElectionDaySurvey2015.xlsx](#)

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APPENDIX :

SAMPLE OUTREACH MATERIALS

A VISION AND GOALS FOR KITTERY'S FUTURE

Kittery Comprehensive Plan Update Committee

6/6/2016

A vision confirms a community's commitment to a set of values to be

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used as a lens through which to view information and make future decisions. Having a vision helps to frame subsequent discussions regarding how to achieve a desired future and helps to keep these discussions focused.

The Vision and Goals presented here are based on the input from 150 Kittery residents who participated in a public forum on March 12, 2016, the written comments of dozens of Kittery residents on Comment Boards placed in Town Hall and the Community Center as well as input given on-line.

This Vision and Goals will be further refined, and will form the basis upon which the Comprehensive Plan will be built.

GOALS

- To protect the town's character by preserving and protecting **HISTORIC FEATURES** and promoting an awareness of the Town's unique history.
- To protect Kittery's **NATURAL RESOURCES** including water, agricultural and forest resources, open space and recreation.
- To support desirable **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, reduce dependence on Portsmouth Navy Shipyard, and increase the Town's tax base while also providing local jobs.
- To provide a range of **HOUSING** types to meet the needs of individuals throughout the lifecycle and to support residents with a diversity of incomes.
- To improve safety and ease of **GETTING AROUND TOWN** and better connect the "pieces" of Kittery. Also provide safe and pleasant alternatives to automobile travel with safe and pleasant bike and walking paths.
- To protect the Town's **COASTLINE**, the working waterfront, and increase access and enjoyment of the water while protecting it from environmental impacts.
- To improve **TOWN GOVERNANCE** and provide adequate **MUNICIPAL FACILITIES and SERVICES**

What makes Kittery unique?

Natural setting

conservation lands

working waterfront

Coastline

location

diverse land uses

Water views

highway access

parks

Walkability

Gourmet Alley restaurants

Fort Foster arts

historic charm

access to Portsmouth

rural aspects

Foreside

diverse population

Historic buildings

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Fort McClary

community cohesion

The people

We aren't Portsmouth and don't want to be!

Beaches

gorgeous shoreline

our Community Center

Boat launches

rural plus urban aspects

A VISION AND GOALS FOR KITTERY'S FUTURE

Kittery Comprehensive Plan Update Committee 6/6/2016

IMAGINE... a Kittery whose character is protected by the preservation and adaptive reuse of its **historic buildings**, the control of the scale of redevelopment so that it is in keeping with the historic charm of the Town and a promotion of the Town's history.

IMAGINE... a **Foreside district** that is a thriving, historic neighborhood that includes one of Maine's earliest working waterfront. A Foreside that maintains the historic, working –class character and scale and preserves its building stock by adopting a preference for creative or **adaptive reuse** of existing buildings. **Workforce housing** is integrated in the district. Walking and biking is safe and pleasant and there are more green spaces to enjoy as well as the **working waterfront**.

IMAGINE ... a Kittery where its beautiful and treasured **natural features** are preserved and protected and where enjoyment is enhanced through increased access to these for both passive and active **recreation**. Recreational activities are managed so as to prevent negative impacts on the environment, the season at Fort Foster is extended and programming at the Kittery Community Center is even more developed. Enjoyment of the water is enhanced by increasing **public access to the water**, cleaning up Spruce Creek, and providing shuttle service to Portsmouth from the Town Pier at Foreside.

IMAGINE... a Kittery that plans for the future of its **environment** by implementing **sustainability** measures and leading by example so that all town-owned buildings use renewable sources of energy, and the Town provides incentives for the use of renewable energy sources. A Kittery that **prepares for the expected rise in sea level** due to climate change.

IMAGINE... a Kittery that preserves its **sense of community**, the sense of peace and quiet, but also the **diversity of places** that make up the Town. It feels more unified and less separated as multiple **ways of getting around Town** are more available. **Traffic** congestion is lessened and **walking** and **biking** is made safe and pleasant. A **town shuttle** helps to better connect people as do the additional places to gather and run into one another.

IMAGINE ... a Kittery that while improving and growing is able to retain a **diverse socio-economic** mix of residents by providing **affordable, workforce housing** and by creating **jobs** with adequate wages and salaries, resulting in a **sustainable** community.

IMAGINE... the **economy** of Kittery more **diversified** as it retains existing and supports additional local businesses, where the existing businesses are redeveloped into more pedestrian-oriented mixed-use developments that incorporate more natural features and that are able to be more economically viable, **sustainable**, and in keeping with evolving expectations of shoppers.

IMAGINE... a Kittery that has a continuing **relationship with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard**, and traffic, noise and light impacts created by activity in the shipyard are reduced as a result of working together to mitigate these.

IMAGINE... a re-imagined, twenty-first century **library** and a **school system** where students are consistently recognized for their success in the community and nationwide because these institutions provide top quality education, opportunities for life long learning, and enrichment programs.

IMAGINE... that all these improvements are made in a systematic way with significant **community engagement** in the decision-making process led by a **town government** that is respectful, transparent and civil in its discourse. A **shared vision** and **ordinances** that support the goals embodied in the vision are clear and easy to enforce.

Kittery Comprehensive Plan Update Committee 6/6/2016

Please see Preliminary Vision and Goals developed based on the input from the public at the March 12 public forum, on-line community conversation, Comment Boards at Town Hall and the Kittery Community Center. Please let us know if you have any comments regarding wording, an omission of something you feel is important to include, etc. You can either mark up the Vision directly or write your comments below.

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For more information please see: <http://www.courbanize.com/kittery-comprehensive-plan/>
or call (207) 439-0452 ext. 303

MISSED THE PUBLIC FORUM ON MARCH 12TH?

You still have a chance to participate by:
writing your comments on post it notes and adhering them to these boards
or
posting on line at:
<http://www.courbanize.com/kittery-comprehensive-plan/>



WHAT MAKES KITTERY UNIQUE?

CREATING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER



KITTERY 2015-2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC FORUM

WHEN: Saturday, March 12, 2016

10:00 AM -12:30 PM

WHERE: STAR THEATRE

Kittery Community Center

*Join the community conversation
regarding our town's future!*

Refreshments will be provided.

You will automatically be entered into a FREE raffle upon attending!

FREE Childcare (for children 5 years and older) will be provided.

For more info: http://kitteryme.gov/Pages/KitteryME_CompPlan2015/index



Creating Kittery's Future Together Kittery Comprehensive Plan 2015-2025

Press Release

Date: February 25, 2016

Re: : An opportunity to be involved in developing our Kittery's Comprehensive Plan and shaping our Town's future !

What will Kittery be like in 5 years? 10 years? 20 years? If we do not plan for the future, will the Town stay the same? What would change? What do we love about our Town? How do we retain what we love? What could be different? How shall we go about making Kittery an even better place to live, work, and play? What can we do to protect what we most appreciate about our Town and prepare for future contingencies?

The members of the Planning Board and the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee are excited to invite you to join them in participating in developing a comprehensive plan for our Town. The most recent effort was a 1999 update to the Kittery Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2002. It is time to undertake the effort again!

We will begin the process by bringing the community together to begin to identify shared values and common concerns. We will build on these efforts and continue to expand the community conversation. There will be more in-depth discussions that will include the identification of strategies to help address the issues identified.

In order for the Plan to be a living document, one that is viable, useful, and useable, it must be developed with the input of those who will use it and be affected by it. We hope to see many of Kittery's residents and business owners at the public forums. All are invited to help shape our Town's future together!

March 12, 2016: Pubic Forum: Developing a Vision & Goals

Location: Star Theater,
Kittery Community Center
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Refreshments will be provided.
All participants will be eligible to win a door prize just by attending.
Childcare will be provided for children 5 years and older.

For more information and to participate on-line, see:

<http://www.courbanize.com/kittery-comprehensive-plan>

Additionally, there are opportunities to serve on the **Comprehensive Plan Update Committee** or to become a member of the **Friends of the Plan** for a lower level of commitment. Please contact Chris DiMatteo if you are interested: <cdimatteo@kitteryme.org> OR call: 207-475-1307