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Brookline Master Plan
Visioning Forum
Richard Maghakian Memorial
School
October 22, 2010

The Master Plan Visioning process is facilitated by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension in partnership with the Town of Brookline. UNH Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. UNH, U.S. Department of Agriculture and New Hampshire counties cooperating.

Approximately 35 citizens attended the visioning forum and were randomly assigned to one of the six small groups:

Land Use and Zoning
Economic Development
Recreation/Cultural/Historic Resources
Natural Resources and Conservation
Community Facilities
Community Design

Each of these groups was facilitated and recorded by Nashua Regional Planning Commission staff, UNH students and community residents with notes on large newsprint of what was being said by group members.

Following is a summary of the “vision” for where the groups wanted to see their group’s topic.

LAND USE AND ZONING

- Maintain and encourage the New England village look and the integrity of the Town
- Create group in town to focus on attracting new businesses
- Address concerns regarding private water quality in wells with additional development
- Create recreational area along the River
- Keep agriculture/residential zoning (don’t lose farms/agriculture) (**added in large group conversation**)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Economic Development Committee
- Include all options available to consider for town (**added in large group conversation**)
- Develop empty lots on Rt 13
- Consider speed on traffic (**added in large group**)
- Warehousing; light industry; distribution center
- Small grocery/retail; small agricultural operations

RECREATION/CULTURAL/HISTORIC RESOURCES

- Better connected trails; signage, multi-use; development easements; walking, biking & cross training
- Summer recreation program and transportation
- Plan for cemeteries – more info
- Encourage signage on historic buildings & places
- Utilize current facilities with goal of possible future facilities for cultural (possibly outdoor) events

NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

- Investigate opportunity for town to have right of 1st refusal for land around Lake Potanipo
- Keep public owned lands contiguous
- Let some conservation land continue naturally
- Continue to keep Melendy Pond as a priority topic (**added in larger group**)

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Library/technology facilities “internet café”
- Greening our buildings/LED for new buildings
- Youth Recreation Center

COMMUNITY DESIGN

- Getting people to care
- Making Brookline a destination
- Developing a mixed-use district
- Affordable, smaller lots
- No more McMansions
- Multi-use trails