

Chapter I. Visioning

Town of New Hampton New Hampton Master Plan Update Committee Report of the Visioning Sub-Committee

1. Introduction

In the fall of 1996, the New Hampton Planning Board recognized the need to update the town's Master Plan. A Community Profile Steering Committee was formed with the assistance of the Belknap County UNH Cooperative Extension. On November 1 & 2, 1996, the Community Profile meeting was held, during which comments were elicited from 105 participants on the current status and a future vision of the town of New Hampton. In the action plans created at that event, it was recommended that the New Hampton Master Plan be updated. A steering committee was formed to organize the first meeting of the Master Plan Update Committee. The first organizational meeting was held on June 12, 1997 and four sub-committees were formed. Among them was the Community Visioning Committee, which was charged with completing a comprehensive assessment of the community vision for the town of New Hampton for the next ten-year period.

1.1 Community Opinion Survey

The Community Visioning Committee began work on their charge in the fall of 1997. They developed the "Town of New Hampton Community Opinion Survey" for the purpose of better understanding the community's opinion regarding:

- town services and facilities
- housing
- preservation of historical aspects
- recreational opportunities
- expansion of business and industry
- expansion of municipal facilities
- school facilities

One question requesting demographic information on age, education, residential status and income level was included to help the committee get a current view of the make up of the town. This information was sought to determine if there were significant differences in a future vision of the community based on these factors.

Respondents were also asked to identify the best thing about living or owning property in New Hampton. They were asked to indicate the one thing they most wanted to preserve about the town, and the one most important change needed to improve New Hampton. A final question requested that respondents indicate contributions they would be willing to make to help promote the future of New Hampton as they envision it.

In February 1998, 1,100 surveys were mailed to all property owners and registered voters. Four hundred and sixteen (416) surveys, or 38%, were returned. This number may actually represent more than 416 citizens as some surveys returned represented the opinion of more than one person in a household. The data was processed and tabulated by The Lakes Region Planning Commission with input from the New Hampton Master Plan Update Committee.

1.2 Demographic Analysis

1.2.1 Age

Ninety-seven percent of the 416 respondents completed the demographic question on age. Of those, a mere 6 respondents indicated they were under 25, while only 50 indicated they were over 70 years of age. To simplify our reporting, we combined the under-25 group with the 26-40 year olds, and added the over-70 group to the 56-69 year old group. This resulted in three age groups for analysis of responses: forty and younger (22%), forty-one to fifty-five (37%), and fifty-six and older (41%).

1.2.2 Education

Three hundred and eighty-nine respondents indicated their educational status on the survey. Only 10 indicated they had less than a high school education. There was some concern that 104 respondents said they had attended graduate school. It was determined that some may have interpreted the category "Graduate School" as having graduated from school. This category was subsequently not used in the analysis.

Of the 285 remaining respondents, 39% indicated a high school education or less, 29% completed 2 years of college, and 32% completed 4 years of college.

1.2.3 Income

Just 29 respondents indicated an income of less than \$15,000, so were included in the category of \$15,000-\$30,000. Only 54 indicated their income was over \$75,000, so they were grouped with those in the \$50,000-\$75,000 income category, creating only two factors for income analysis.

1.2.4 Resident Status

Homeowners constituted 62% of the respondents who completed this question. As there were no other categories with significant percentages of representation, this factor was not used in our analysis of responses to the other questions.

1.3 Community View of Town Services and Facilities

Those who work for the community are much appreciated. New Hampton services received high marks from respondents. When asked to evaluate their satisfaction with town services, the community gave Police the highest number of satisfactory responses with 90%. Town Offices and Fire Department followed closely on their heels with 89% and 85% respectively. Respondents were also pleased with Library (83%) and Trash/Recycling (82%). Emergency/Rescue was given a 70% satisfactory rating, and Roads received 69%.

Forty-four percent thought Health Services were satisfactory, while 59% gave satisfactory ratings to Cemetery Service. Lowest was Recreation Area Services, receiving only a 35% satisfactory rating. There was disparity between ratings for Recreation Area Services by age and income categories. Those respondents who were younger and had incomes of less than \$30,000 were less likely to find Recreation Area Service and facilities satisfactory than were older respondents with higher incomes.

Facilities rated less well overall than town services. The Trash/Recycling facility and the Library were both given high ratings (86% and 84%), and Town Offices and Fire Department facilities each received 75% satisfactory. Health Service facilities (35%) and Recreation Area facilities (33%) proved least satisfactory.

1.4 Residential Considerations

Four questions on the survey focused on housing issues. Most were undecided or thought there was adequate affordable housing, rental

units, and low income/subsidized housing. When senior housing was addressed, the over-56 group said it was inadequate at nearly twice the rate of the under-40 group (46% vs.24%). However, an almost equal group of over-56ers (41%) was undecided.

Adding more large multi-family dwellings with 5-8 units or with 9 or more units received a strong “thumbs down” from 87% of respondents. New condos weren’t welcomed either (70% said “No”), and the possible addition of new mobile home parks was very (87%) unpopular.

1.5 Preserving Our Roots

If we’re not ready to add a lot of new construction, we certainly do like what we have and are ready to preserve the historic aspects of our community. Slightly more than half of respondents (59%) wanted to establish historic districts. Even more popular was the suggestion of adding to the inventory of historic buildings (64%). But we are most enthused about identifying areas of significant historic interest (81%) and establishing consistent identifiers/markers for those historical sites (83%).

1.6 Conservation

We’re not only concerned with preservation of our man-made structures. In a question about town involvement in preservation of other resources, there was overwhelming support for conservation of areas of scenic or natural beauty (85%), the Pemigewasset River (84%), important wildlife habitats (83%), shorelines (80%), followed by historic buildings, wetlands, and working farms and farmlands (all above 65%).

1.7 Recreational Facilities

When work is over and it’s time to play, New Hampton residents have strong opinions about recreational opportunities that should be available. Outdoor eating and the opportunity to walk off the calories topped the list with 76% of respondents choosing picnic areas and hiking trails as the most wanted facilities to be added or improved in the town. Seventy-five percent want a nice town beach and 71% want cross-country ski trails marked for winter recreation. Biking trails and boat access to the river were also strong on the “wish list” with 69% support. There were activities that a significant majority was strongly

against having in the town: 65% opposed a shooting range, 59% were opposed to downhill skiing, and 57% do not want hunting areas in the town.

1.8 Commercial Opportunities

The deals will be made and the goods sold elsewhere according to the residents who answered the question about business and industrial opportunities in town. Bars and taverns, fast food stores, hotels and motels, and convenience stores received little support. However, 89% of respondents thought locating bed-and-breakfasts in town was a good thing. Small inns, banks, and to a lesser degree (69%) restaurants, received favorable review.

There was disagreement about locating supermarkets in New Hampton among differing age groups and respondents with different educational levels. The over-56 year olds were much more supportive of supermarkets (46%), while the under-40 crowd was less likely (39%) to want supermarkets in New Hampton. Those with a 4 year college education did not favor locating supermarkets in town (61% said "No"). But 50% of the group with high school or less voted in favor of supermarkets being located in New Hampton. Income did not seem to influence support of supermarkets.

1.9 Business Locations

New Hampton residents were not in favor of shopping centers (59% opposed). Just over half were opposed to industrial complexes (51%). However, it was evident that home occupations were acceptable (77% yes). Professional office parks had moderate support (55%), and small manufacturing businesses were acceptable to 52% of respondents.

Though we usually think of younger people as being more open to change and development, a larger percent of the under-40 group voted against development of industrial complexes and manufacturing businesses than did their elders in the 41-55 and over-56 groups. If any more businesses are added, however, 82% of the total surveyed population thought landscaped "buffer zones" should be developed around all businesses and 73% supported architectural control of new commercial buildings. Development of home occupations was supported by 77% of respondents. There was an even split between those who support wastewater treatment and those who oppose it, but 21% checked undecided.

1.10 New Development and Expansion of Municipal Facilities

Respondents had strong feelings about where to locate any new developments or expansion of municipal facilities. NH 104 from I-93 to Meredith, and NH 132 toward Ashland, are definitely where folks want to see any new businesses or facilities expansions. There was very little support for any additions in New Hampton Village, on Town House Road, or on NH 132 toward Sanbornton.

1.11 School Facilities Improvement

It was hoped there would be a strong message to send to the school administrative unit about New Hampton's public school, and when it comes to addressing the current building status, 58% said to build an addition to the existing school. Building a new school was almost as unpopular (18%) as using temporary buildings (15%). The over-56 crowd was a little less supportive than either of the other age groups about establishing an 8th grade elementary school, but there was not a majority vote for that suggestion from any group.

1.12 The Best Thing about New Hampton

The question asking the best thing about living in New Hampton elicited quite a diversity of values and degrees of satisfaction about life in this community. They ranged from the comment of one disgruntled respondent who wrote: "There's nothing good about it..." to several obviously happily-transplanted respondents who said, "It's not...Bristol...Manchester...Plymouth...Tilton," to someone who found "cute cops" to be one of our greatest natural resources! A vast majority mentioned its peaceful, charming, rural atmosphere with easy access to services via I-93, the friendliness of neighbors, the natural beauty, the privacy and a quiet, simple, country way of life.

When asked what ONE important change needs to happen to improve the town, we saw the same broad range of values. Some people wanted more services, more programs, more businesses, more activities, and better schools, while many others wanted to limit growth of nearly every aspect of New Hampton, including government, taxes, mobile home parks and commercial development. There were many requests for improving, resurfacing and servicing town roads, including secondary and private roads.

In reply to the question on the ONE most important thing to preserve

about New Hampton, its historic, rural character and natural beauty were by far the most frequently identified elements, followed closely by its friendly, neighbor-helping-neighbor atmosphere.

1.13 In Summary...

The response rate for most surveys is less than 10%. Completed New Hampton Community Opinion Surveys were submitted by more than a third of our community. A survey with this overwhelming response is not only a representative reflection of the values and attitudes of the community, but, with such a high percentage of respondents, can be construed literally as a *mandate* from the community regarding the future direction of their town. Through the New Hampton Community Opinion Survey, we have very clearly identified our desire to better maintain and treasure the old, rural, and natural aspects of New Hampton. At the same time, we have identified the fact that we do want growth, but it must be specific, conservative, and controlled. If all residents support these goals through involvement in town government, financial efforts, and participation in community projects, we all will be able to continue to enjoy New Hampton, secure in the knowledge that we are honoring the past while moving cautiously toward the future, and preserving the best of yesterday while welcoming the promise of tomorrow.

1.14 Survey Analysis

1.14.1 Demographics

Of the 416 completed surveys, the following respondents completed the demographic questions regarding age, education and income:

<u>Response Category</u>	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>% of Total Responses</u>
Age	403	97%
Education	389	94% (Discussion below)
Income	348	84%

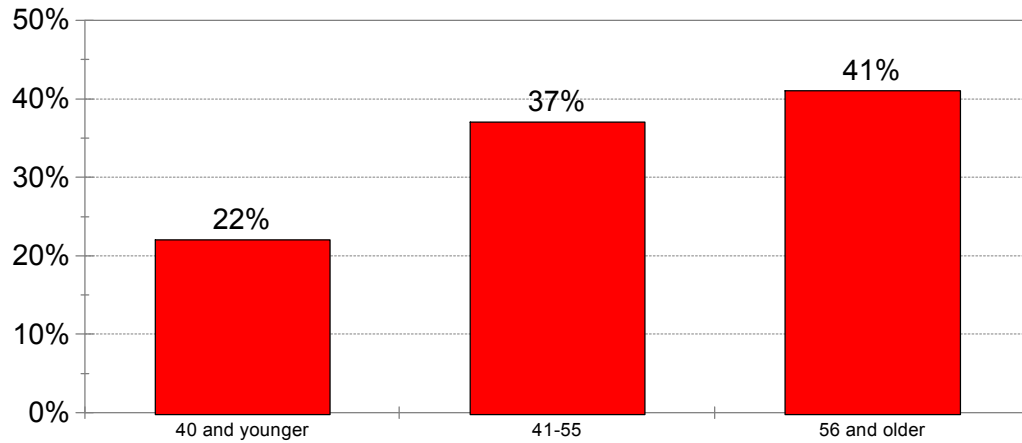
1.14.2 Age

The distribution of the answers for each of these variables required recording the responses for the analysis. (See Tabulations for the complete number of responses by category.) For example, there were only six (6) respondents who said they were less than 25 years old. Similarly, there were only fifty (50) respondents who said they were

over 70 years old. The under 25 year old respondents were combined with the 26-40 years old respondents. The over 70 year-old respondents were combined with the 56-69 year old respondents.

Age	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
40 and younger	88	22%
41-55	150	37%
56 and older	165	41%
Total	403	100%

Age of Respondents

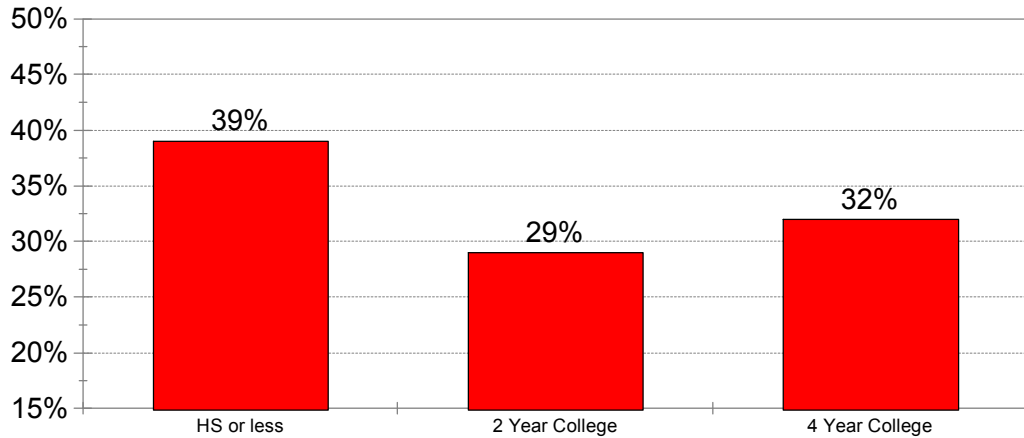


1.14.3 Education

There were also only ten (10) respondents who said they had less than a high school education. It was also noted that the possible response "Graduate School" may have been interpreted as having graduated from school and was therefore not included as a category in the analysis. One hundred and four (104) or 26% of the respondents said they had attended graduate school.

Education	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
High School or Less	110	39%
2 Year College	83	29%
4 Year College	92	32%
Total	285	100%

Education of Respondents

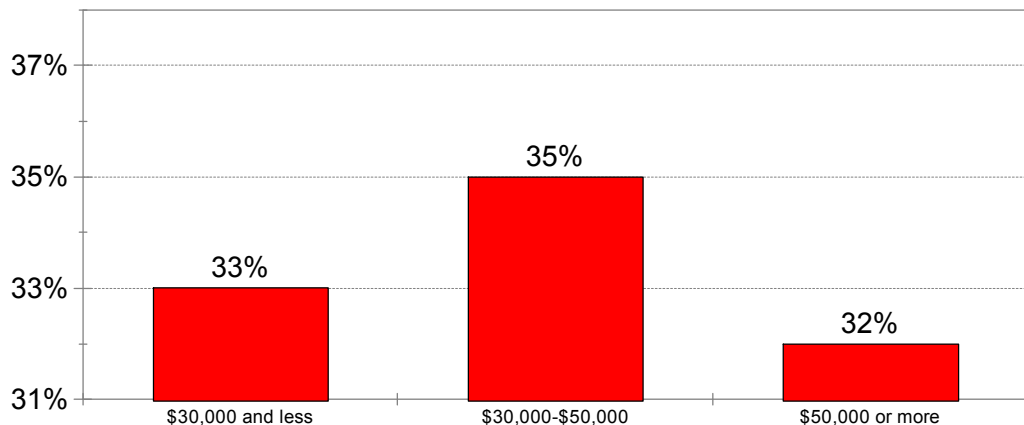


1.14.4 Income

Finally, twenty-nine (29) respondents indicated that their income was less than \$15,000 and fifty-four (54) indicated that their income was over \$75,000. The less than \$15,000 income respondents were added to the \$15,000-\$30,000 income category. Similarly, the over \$75,000 were added to the \$50,000-\$75,000 category.

<u>Income</u>	<u>Number of Responses</u>	<u>Percent of Responses</u>
\$30,000 and Less	117	33%
\$30,000-\$50,000	122	35%
\$50,000 and More	109	32%
Total	348	100%

Income of Respondents



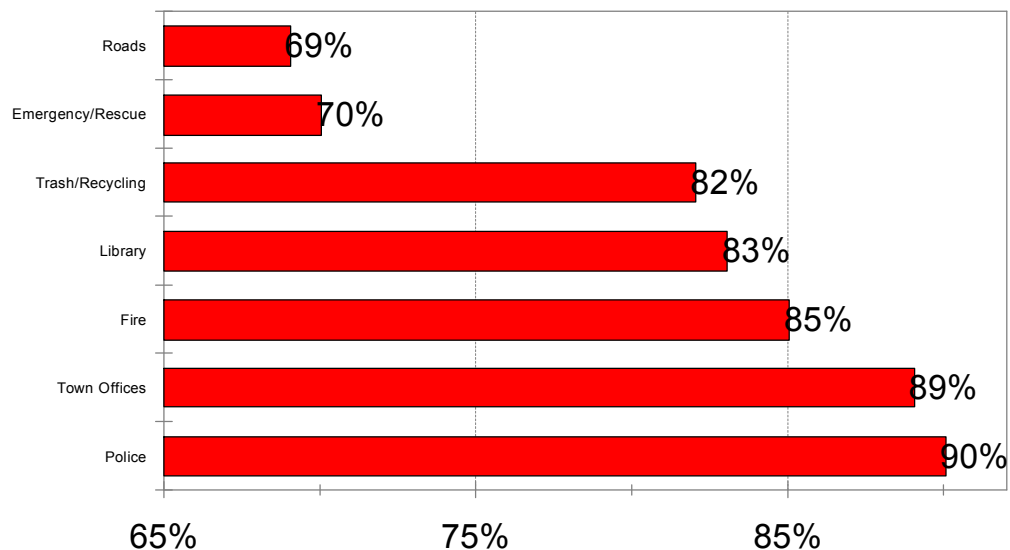
1.15 Town Services and Facilities

- **There are high levels of satisfaction with town services and facilities.**

The Police (90%), Town Offices (89%), Fire (85%), Library (83%), Trash/Recycling (82%), Emergency/Rescue (70%) and Road (69%) services had the highest number of satisfactory responses.

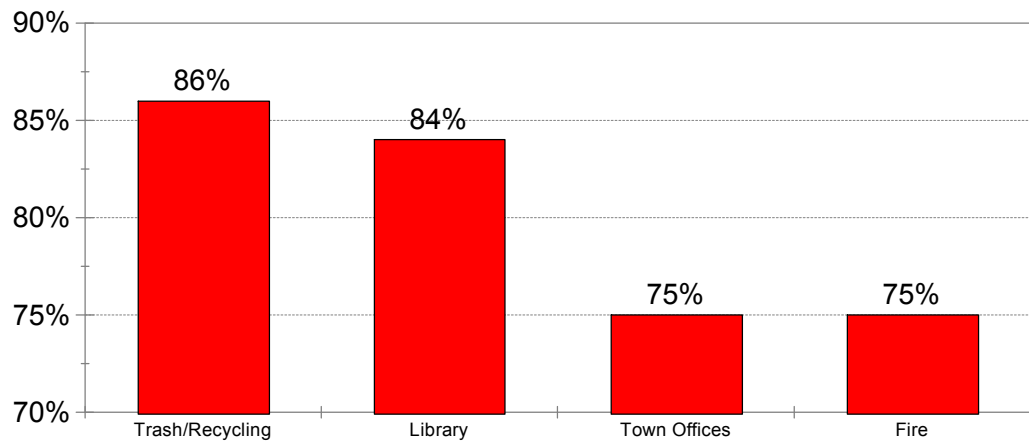
The town facilities that received the highest number of satisfactory responses were Trash/Recycling (86%), Library (84%), Town Offices (75%) and Fire (75%).

Satisfaction with Services



Health Services (44%) and Facilities (35%) had lower satisfactory responses, but also had high number of undecided responses. Forty-three (43%) percent indicated that they were undecided about Health Services and fifty-one (51%) percent were undecided about Health Service Facilities.

Satisfaction with Facilities



The majority of respondents thought the Cemetery Services (59%) and Facilities (57%) were satisfactory. Thirty-six (36%) percent were undecided about the Services and forty (40%) percent were undecided about the Facilities.

The satisfaction with Recreation Area was the lowest. Thirty-six (36%) percent of the respondents said the Recreation Area Service was satisfactory and thirty-three (33%) percent said the Recreation Area Facilities were satisfactory. Approximately another third indicated that the Service and Facilities were unsatisfactory. Another third were undecided.

To better understand the satisfaction responses with Recreation Area Service and Facilities, the responses were analyzed by the age, education and income of the respondents. Two significant differences in answers were found between satisfaction with Recreation Service and age and income. Younger respondents and respondents with less than \$30,000 income were less likely to be satisfied with Recreation Service than older respondents with higher incomes.

By the recoded age categories, there was a statistically significant difference (.02) in the responses for satisfaction with Service or Facilities.

1.15.1 Satisfaction with Recreation Service

Satisfaction with recreation service

<u>Age</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
40 and Younger	41%	38%	20%	100%
41-55	33%	36%	31%	100%
56 and Older	36%	25%	39%	100%

The difference by age is the result of the 40 year old and younger respondents being more likely not to be satisfied with Recreation Service (38%) as compared to the older respondents (25%) and less likely (20%) to be “Undecided” as compared to the older respondents (39%).

The second statistically significant difference (.03) in the responses was between satisfaction with Recreation Service and income.

Satisfaction with recreation service

<u>Income</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
Less than \$30,000	27%	42%	31%	100%
\$30,000-\$50,000	33%	38%	29%	100%
More than \$50,000	48%	20%	32%	100%

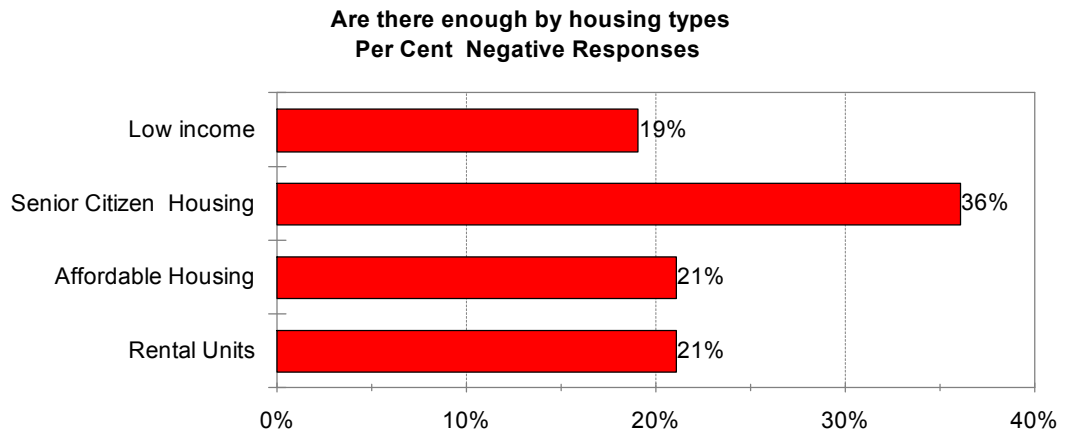
The respondents with less than \$30,000 income are less satisfied (27%) with Recreation Service than those respondents with more than \$50,000 income (48%).

No other statistical differences were found.

1.16 Housing Types

- **Respondents were asked if they thought there were enough rental units, affordable housing, senior citizen housing, and low income/subsidized housing. The largest majority of respondents were either undecided or thought there were enough. The one exception was the adequacy of senior citizen housing.**

Respondents (38%) indicated there was not enough senior citizen housing more than any other housing type. The older the respondent, the more likely they agreed that there were not enough.



Is there enough senior citizen housing?

<u>Age</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Total</u>
40 and Younger	33%	24%	43%	100%
41-55	28%	35%	37%	100%
56 and Older	17%	42%	41%	100%

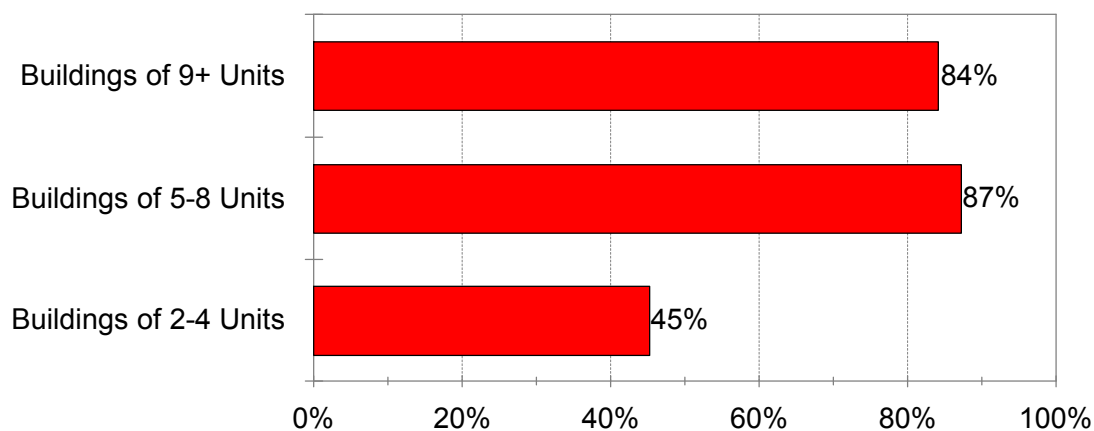
The younger respondents thought there was enough senior citizen housing; almost twice the percentage (33%) of older respondents (17%). Conversely, almost twice the percentage (42%) of older respondents thought there was not enough senior citizen housing as younger respondents (24%).

1.16.1 Multi-Family Housing

- **The respondents overwhelmingly thought New Hampton should not allow more multi-family housing (87%) with 5-8 units or multi-family housing with 9 or more units (84%).**

The responses were almost evenly split between multi-family housing with 2-4 units. Forty-three (43%) percent thought New Hampton should allow more multi-family housing with 2-4 units and forty-five (45%) percent thought New Hampton should not allow more units.

**Need for more Multi-Family housing
Per Cent Negative Responses**



The younger respondents were less likely to say, “yes” to more multi-family housing with 2-4 units than older respondents were.

**Should New Hampton allow more
2-4 multi-family units?**

Age	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
40 and Younger	37%	57%	6%	100%
41-55	41%	48%	12%	100%
56 and Older	47%	36%	17%	100%

Thirty-seven (37%) percent of the respondents 40 years and younger said “yes”; forty-seven (47%) percent of the respondents 56 years and older said “yes”. This difference was statistically significant (.01)

There was no significant difference between the responses on multi-family units as a result of education or income.

1.16.2 Condos, Mobile Home Parks, New Apartments, and Converting Large Houses

- Respondents clearly indicated that they did not want to see any encouragement to build new condos or mobile home parks. Seventy (70%) percent of the respondents said “no” to new condos and eighty-one (81%) percent said “no” to new mobile home parks.

Sixty (60%) percent of the respondents said “no” to constructing new rental apartment buildings, but the responses varied significantly by age. Regardless of age, the construction of new rental apartments is not a popular idea, however the older respondents thought new rental apartments should be encouraged more than younger respondents.

Should the construction of new rental apartments be encouraged?

Age	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
40 and Younger	23%	75%	2%	100%
41-55	25%	64%	11%	100%
56 and Older	34%	50%	16%	100%

Twenty-three (23%) percent of the younger respondents indicated that the construction of new rental apartments should be encouraged and seventy-five (75%) percent indicated that it should not be encouraged. Thirty-four (34%) percent of the respondents over 56 years old indicated that it should be encouraged and fifty (50%) percent indicated that the construction should not be encouraged.

There was almost the same percentage of respondents who thought multi-family housing should be encouraged by converting large houses. Forty (40%) percent said “yes” and forty-nine (49%) percent said “no”. The respondents 40 years and younger were more likely to say “yes” to large house conversions than respondents over 40 years old.

Should multi-family housing be encouraged by converting large houses?

Age	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
40 and Younger	46%	52%	2%	100%
41-55	39%	53%	9%	100%
56 and Older	39%	43%	18%	100%

Forty-six (46%) percent of the respondents 40 years old and younger thought converting large houses to multi-family housing should be encouraged. Thirty-nine (39%) percent of the respondents 56 years old and older thought conversion should be encouraged.

1.16.3 Places for New Residential Building

Respondents were asked if new residential building should be encouraged in a variety of places. The responses varied.

In order of least popular to most popular place:

<u>Locations for New Residences</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
In or near the village	35%	54%	11%
In strips along existing roads	39%	46%	15%
Distributed over more populated parts of town	34%	45%	20%
Distributed over less populated parts of town	49%	35%	16%
Clustered in new villages or new neighborhoods	49%	34%	18%

These responses did not differ significantly by age, education or income.

1.17 Preservation of Historical Aspects

- **The majority of the respondents are in favor of preserving the historic aspect of New Hampton.**

Respondents were asked if they favor preserving the historic aspect of New Hampton by a number of activities. A majority of respondents favored all activities. The results were as follows:

<u>Historic Preservation Activities</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
Establishing consistent identifiers/markers for historical sites	83%	12%	5%
Identifying areas of significant historic interest	81%	13%	6%
Adding to the inventory of historic buildings	64%	22%	14%
Establishing historic districts	59%	26%	15%

The most popular way respondents thought New Hampton should preserve the historic aspect of New Hampton was by establishing consistent identifiers/markers for historical sites (83%), followed by identifying areas of significant historic interest (81%).

1.18 Town Involvement

- **The respondents also indicated that they support town involvement to preserve the historical, cultural, and natural**

resources of New Hampton. In response to a list of resources to preserve, the majority indicated they support the town involvement.

Do you support town involvement to preserve the following?

Preservation Type	Yes	No	Undecided
Areas of scenic or natural beauty	85%	9%	5%
Pemigewasset River	84%	12%	4%
Areas of important wildlife habitat	83%	13%	5%
Shorelines	80%	13%	5%
Historic buildings	76%	18%	6%
Wetlands	72%	19%	9%
Farmlands	67%	23%	10%
Working farms	66%	25%	10%

1.19 Recreational Opportunities

- **The respondents want improved picnic areas, hiking trails, town beach, cross-country ski trails, biking trails, and boat access to the river. The respondents do not want shooting ranges, downhill skiing, or hunting areas.**

When asked if the town should add, improve or allow a list of recreational opportunities, the positive responses in descending order were:

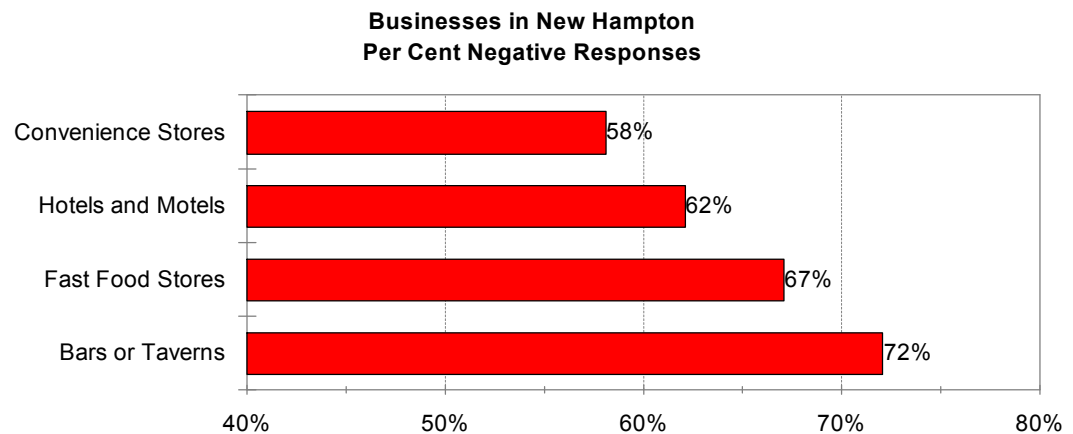
Recreational Type	Yes	No	Undecided
Picnic areas	76%	16%	8%
Hiking trails	76%	16%	8%
Town Beach	75%	17%	8%
Cross-country ski trails	71%	19%	10%
Biking trails	69%	22%	9%
Boat access to river	69%	24%	7%
Skating	61%	24%	16%
Community Building	53%	33%	14%
Horseback riding trails	52%	33%	15%
Game preserves	48%	39%	13%
Basketball	45%	34%	21%
Tennis Courts	2%	39%	19%
Snowmobile trails	41%	44%	14%
Indoor gym	39%	43%	18%
Swimming pool	36%	49%	15%
Hunting areas	29%	57%	14%
Downhill skiing	25%	59%	16%
Shooting range	23%	65%	12%

1.20 Business and Industrial Opportunities

- **The majority of respondents did not favor locating bars or taverns, fast food stores, hotels and motels, or convenience stores in New Hampton. The respondents did favor locating bed and breakfasts, small inns, banks, and restaurants in New Hampton. The responses were almost equally divided about locating supermarkets.**

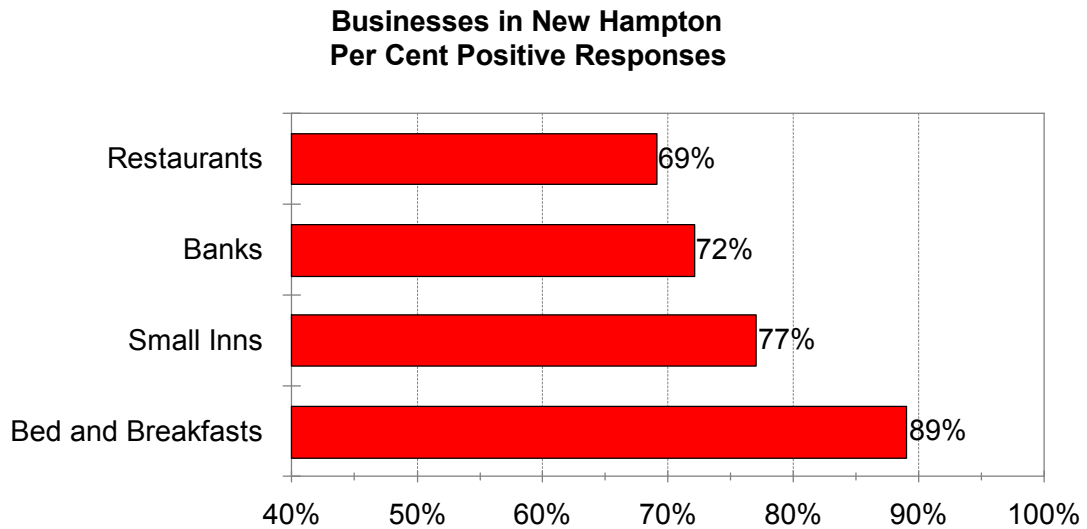
The answers to the question regarding locating specific businesses indicated that the respondents do not want hotels and motels, bars or taverns, fast food stores and convenience stores in New Hampton. In order, their responses were:

<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Undecided</u>
Bars or Taverns	72%	20%	8%
Fast Food Stores	67%	23%	10%
Hotels and Motels	62%	34%	5%
Convenience Stores	58%	33%	9%



The respondents were in favor of locating bed and breakfasts, small inns, banks, and restaurants. The responses in order of their favorable responses were:

Type of Business	Yes	No	Undecided
Bed and Breakfasts	89%	9%	2%
Small Inns	77%	19%	4%
Banks	72%	20%	8%
Restaurants	69%	24%	7%



1.20.1 Supermarkets

Respondents were almost equally divided about locating supermarkets in New Hampton. Forty-four (44%) percent said they would favor supermarkets; forty-six (46%) percent indicated that they would not favor supermarkets in New Hampton. The younger respondents were less likely to want supermarkets, and the older respondents were more likely or were undecided.

Would you favor locating [supermarkets] in New Hampton?

Age	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
40 and Younger	39%	57%	4%	100%
41-55	45%	46%	9%	100%
56 and Older	46%	40%	14%	100%

Fifty-seven (57%) percent of the respondents 40 years old and younger said they did not favor supermarkets in New Hampton. Forty-six (46%) percent of the respondents 56 years old and older said they did favor supermarkets in New Hampton and fourteen (14%) percent were undecided.

The respondents with a high school education or less were more in favor of supermarkets than respondents with college experience.

Would you favor locating [supermarkets] in New Hampton?

Education	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
H.S. or less	50%	34%	16%	100%
2 Year College	45%	44%	11%	100%
4 Year College	36%	61%	3%	100%

Fifty (50%) percent of the respondents with a high school education or less favored locating supermarkets in New Hampton. Conversely, sixty-one (61%) percent of the respondents with a four year college education did not favor locating supermarkets in New Hampton.

No significant difference between favoring supermarkets and income was reported.

1.20.2 Business Complexes

- **When asked if New Hampton should encourage the development of various business enterprises, the respondents were not in favor of shopping centers (59%) and industrial complexes (51%). The respondents were in favor of encouraging the development of landscaped “buffer zones” around businesses (82%), home occupations (77%), and architectural control of new commercial buildings (73%). A majority of the respondents were also in favor of encouraging professional office parks (55%) and manufacturing businesses (52%).**

The younger respondents were less likely to favor the development of industrial complexes.

Should New Hampton encourage the development of industrial complexes?

Age	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
40 and Younger	28%	62%	10%	100%
41-55	39%	54%	7%	100%
56 and Older	48%	41%	11%	100%

Sixty-two (62%) percent of the respondents 40 years old and younger did not think New Hampton should encourage the development of industrial complexes. Forty-one (41%) percent of the respondents 56 years old and older did not think New Hampton should encourage the development.

Similarly, the younger respondents were less likely to favor the development of manufacturing businesses.

Should New Hampton encourage the development of manufacturing businesses?

Age	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
40 and Younger	41%	45%	14%	100%
41-55	50%	40%	10%	100%
56 and Older	59%	28%	12%	100%

Forty-one (41%) percent of the respondents 40 years old or younger thought New Hampton should encourage the development of manufacturing businesses; fifty-nine (59%) percent of the respondents 56 years old or older thought New Hampton should encourage the development.

Regardless of age, education or income category, the responses were almost evenly split between encouraging and not encouraging the development of wastewater treatment facilities. Thirty-nine (39%) percent of the respondents favored the development of wastewater treatment facilities and forty (40%) percent did not favor the development. An additional twenty-one (21%) percent was undecided. Finally, the respondents indicated that any new business development should occur on NH 104 (I-93 to Meredith) (65%) or on NH 132 toward Ashland (61%) rather than in New Hampton Village (16%) or on NH 132 toward Sanbornton (31%).

1.21 Expansion of Municipal Facilities

The respondents indicated that any needed expansion of municipal facilities should be located on NH 104 (I-93 to Meredith) (56%) or NH 104 toward Ashland (52%) as opposed to on NH 104 (I-93 to Bristol) (33%), on Town House Road (28%), or on NH 132 toward Sanbornton (25%).

1.21.1 School Facilities

- **Respondents were more in favor of building an addition to the existing school (58%) than they were in favor of constructing a new building (18%) or using temporary buildings (15%).**

Responses to establishing an 8th grade elementary school were evenly distributed. Approximately one-third (34%) were in favor of establishing an 8th grade elementary school, one-third (34%) were not in favor, and one-third (32%) were undecided.

Respondents over 56 years old were slightly less likely to be in favor establishing an 8th grade elementary school, but were more likely to be undecided than against it.

Should New Hampton establish an 8th grade elementary school?

Age	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
40 and Younger	39%	36%	25%	100%
41-55	37%	38%	25%	100%
56 and Older	30%	29%	41%	100%

Thirty-nine (39%) percent of the respondents 40 years old and younger were in favor of establishing an 8th grade elementary school. Thirty (30%) percent of the 56 year old and older respondents were in favor. Forty-one (41%) percent of the 56 year old and older respondents were undecided.