



Sandown Master Plan Survey Summary January 9, 2011

A BRIEF OVERVIEW:

In the Spring of 2011, UNH Cooperative Extension helped the Sandown Master Plan Committee to develop a Master Plan Survey aimed at garnering public input for the revision of the Town's Master Plan. The survey was developed as a web-based survey, with options for residents to take the survey in hard-copy form. The survey was piloted at Old Home Days and the web-link was later shared with town residents via a postcard and responses were collected through December of 2011. Hard copies were also made available at Town Hall. Survey following survey analysis was conducted by UNH Cooperative Extension.

I. Survey Demographics

- 129 people responded to the survey (106 full responses and 23 partial responses) for a household response rate of 5.7%.
- Of the 129 respondents 36 completed hard copies and 93 completed the survey on-line.
- 52% of respondents were female; 48% were male
- The following is a breakdown of respondents by age:
 - under age 18 1%
 - ages 19-34 19%
 - ages 35-54 50%
 - ages 55-64 23%
 - ages 65 and over 7%
- 98% of the respondents own and live in their home, 1% rent, and 1% own a home in Sandown but don't live there.

How many years do you plan to stay in Sandown?

- 2% Less than 5 years
- 16% 5-10 years
- 16% 11-20 years
- 49% More than 20 years
- 18% Don't Know

Which of the following best describes your living quarters in Sandown?

- 97% Owner-occupied home
- 1% Lease single-family house
- 1% Lease apartment in multi-unit building
- 0% Living with relatives
- 0% Own a business in Sandown but don't live here
- 2% Own home in Sandown but don't live here

Which of the following categories describes your age?

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| • 1% Under 18 | • 23% 45-54 |
| • 2% 19-24 | • 24% 55-64 |
| • 16% 25-34 | • 6% 65-74 |
| • 26% 35-44 | • 2% 75 years or over |

II. Community Character

How important are the following attributes to making Sandown a place where you will want to live during the next ten to twenty years?

a) Small New England town character

- 70% Very important
- 24% Somewhat important
- 1% Somewhat unimportant
- 3% Not at all important
- 1% No opinion

b) Vibrant downtown

- 15% Very important
- 31% Somewhat important
- 21% Somewhat unimportant
- 32% Not at all important
- 1% No opinion

c) Sense of Community

- 58% Very important
- 33% Somewhat important
- 3% Somewhat unimportant
- 4% Not at all important
- 2% No opinion

- d) Attractive Natural Setting
 - 77% Very important
 - 19% Somewhat important
 - 1% Somewhat unimportant
 - 2% Not at all important
 - 2% No opinion
- e) Traditional, historic architectural character
 - 42% Very important
 - 37% Somewhat important
 - 11% Somewhat unimportant
 - 6% Not at all important
 - 3% No opinion
- f) Access to outdoor recreational activities
 - 53% Very important
 - 28% Somewhat important
 - 9% Somewhat unimportant
 - 8% Not at all important
 - 2% No opinion
- g) Quality of area schools
 - 60% Very important
 - 27% Somewhat important
 - 5% Somewhat unimportant
 - 4% Not at all important
 - 3% No opinion
- h) Local employment opportunities
 - 14% Very important
 - 33% Somewhat important
 - 25% Somewhat unimportant
 - 24% Not at all important
 - 3% No opinion
- i) Pedestrian and bicycle-friendliness
 - 30% Very important
 - 38% Somewhat important
 - 17% Somewhat unimportant
 - 10% Not at all important
 - 4% No opinion
- j) Affordable, attractive housing options
 - 30% Very important
 - 32% Somewhat important
 - 17% Somewhat unimportant
 - 17% Not at all important
 - 3% No opinion

III. Economic Vitality

To what degree would you support the following policies aimed at stabilizing or reducing the property tax rate?

- a) Selling appropriate town owned vacant land
 - 23% Strongly support
 - 31% Somewhat support
 - 20% Somewhat do not support
 - 21% Not at all support
 - 4% No opinion

- b) Allow commercial or mixed residential-commercial building heights greater than 4 stories in the downtown
 - 11% Strongly support
 - 15% Somewhat support
 - 15% Somewhat do not support
 - 56% Not at all support
 - 3% No opinion

- c) Make more land available for commercial development
 - 13% Strongly support
 - 37% Somewhat support
 - 23% Somewhat do not support
 - 25% Not at all support
 - 2% No opinion

- d) Build a parking structure in downtown
 - 1% Strongly support
 - 8% Somewhat support
 - 12% Somewhat do not support
 - 75% Not at all support
 - 4% No opinion

- e) Encourage shopping plaza developments outside of downtown
 - 11% Strongly support
 - 21% Somewhat support
 - 10% Somewhat do not support
 - 54% Not at all support
 - 4% No opinion

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about economic development in Sandown?

- a) Sandown should extend water, sewer, and roads to stimulate economic development
- 6% Strongly agree
 - 28% Somewhat agree
 - 20% Somewhat disagree
 - 41% Strongly disagree
 - 6% No opinion
- b) A Sandown tax rate with future increases similar to past ones is acceptable to me
- 7% Strongly agree
 - 36% Somewhat agree
 - 28% Somewhat disagree
 - 21% Strongly disagree
 - 9% No opinion
- c) A gas station would have a positive impact on Sandown
- 19% Strongly agree
 - 39% Somewhat agree
 - 19% Somewhat disagree
 - 22% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion
- d) Sandown should establish architectural and site design standards or guidelines for downtown projects
- 32% Strongly agree
 - 41% Somewhat agree
 - 11% Somewhat disagree
 - 12% Strongly disagree
 - 4% No opinion
- e) Sandown should facilitate the re-development of existing structures
- 21% Strongly agree
 - 44% Somewhat agree
 - 17% Somewhat disagree
 - 7% Strongly disagree
 - 11% No opinion
- f) Sandown should facilitate new construction in downtown
- 16% Strongly agree
 - 35% Somewhat agree
 - 22% Somewhat disagree
 - 21% Strongly disagree
 - 7% No opinion

- g) The town should encourage economic development beyond downtown
- 14% Strongly agree
 - 32% Somewhat agree
 - 16% Somewhat disagree
 - 34% Strongly disagree
 - 5% No opinion

How important are the following items to improving the downtown?

- a) Bike lanes
- 29% Very important
 - 27% Somewhat important
 - 19% Somewhat unimportant
 - 23% Not at all important
 - 3% No opinion
- b) Better sidewalks
- 34% Very important
 - 26% Somewhat important
 - 16% Somewhat unimportant
 - 22% Not at all important
 - 2% No opinion
- c) Better crosswalks
- 31% Very important
 - 34% Somewhat important
 - 14% Somewhat unimportant
 - 18% Not at all important
 - 3% No opinion
- d) Better lighting
- 17% Very important
 - 31% Somewhat important
 - 16% Somewhat unimportant
 - 33% Not at all important
 - 3% No opinion
- e) Public transportation
- 6% Very important
 - 13% Somewhat important
 - 25% Somewhat unimportant
 - 53% Not at all important
 - 3% No opinion

- f) More events/festivals
 - 15% Very important
 - 39% Somewhat important
 - 18% Somewhat unimportant
 - 20% Not at all important
 - 8% No opinion
- g) Improved parking availability for town resources
 - 6% Very important
 - 23% Somewhat important
 - 26% Somewhat unimportant
 - 41% Not at all important
 - 5% No opinion
- h) Buildings that combine residential and commercial uses
 - 7% Very important
 - 17% Somewhat important
 - 25% Somewhat unimportant
 - 42% Not at all important
 - 9% No opinion

IV. Housing

To what extent do you agree that the following housing options and policies would favorably impact Sandown?

- a) More flexible options for 'in-law' apartments
 - 22% Strongly agree
 - 54% Somewhat agree
 - 11% Somewhat disagree
 - 7% Strongly disagree
 - 7% No opinion
- b) Expand family rental housing opportunities
 - 10% Strongly agree
 - 34% Somewhat agree
 - 35% Somewhat disagree
 - 17% Strongly disagree
 - 4% No opinion
- c) More affordable housing for working individuals and families
 - 21% Strongly agree
 - 36% Somewhat agree
 - 25% Somewhat disagree
 - 14% Strongly disagree
 - 5% No opinion

- d) More affordable housing for young families
- 23% Strongly agree
 - 38% Somewhat agree
 - 20% Somewhat disagree
 - 14% Strongly disagree
 - 5% No opinion
- e) More affordable housing options for seniors
- 17% Strongly agree
 - 46% Somewhat agree
 - 16% Somewhat disagree
 - 15% Strongly disagree
 - 5% No opinion
- f) Policies that enable seniors on a limited or fixed income to stay in Sandown
- 41% Strongly agree
 - 33% Somewhat agree
 - 17% Somewhat disagree
 - 8% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion
- g) Encourage a more diverse mix of housing options in downtown
- 14% Strongly agree
 - 24% Somewhat agree
 - 29% Somewhat disagree
 - 25% Strongly disagree
 - 9% No opinion
- h) Encourage housing options with shared community facilities (e.g., community room, playground, parking, kitchen, etc.)
- 9% Strongly agree
 - 24% Somewhat agree
 - 18% Somewhat disagree
 - 41% Strongly disagree
 - 8% No opinion
- i) Encourage more multi-unit housing outside of downtown
- 6% Strongly agree
 - 19% Somewhat agree
 - 26% Somewhat disagree
 - 47% Strongly disagree
 - 3% No opinion

- j) Better buffers between commercial or mixed-use properties and residential properties
- 22% Strongly agree
 - 40% Somewhat agree
 - 15% Somewhat disagree
 - 11% Strongly disagree
 - 11% No opinion

To what extent do you agree that Sandown should encourage the following housing options?

- a) Single-family homes
- 72% Strongly agree
 - 18% Somewhat agree
 - 4% Somewhat disagree
 - 4% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion
- b) Two-family homes (e.g., duplexes)
- 21% Strongly agree
 - 41% Somewhat agree
 - 18% Somewhat disagree
 - 18% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion
- c) Multi-family homes (3-4 units)
- 7% Strongly agree
 - 20% Somewhat agree
 - 26% Somewhat disagree
 - 45% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion
- d) Apartment buildings (5-plus units)
- 4% Strongly agree
 - 11% Somewhat agree
 - 23% Somewhat disagree
 - 60% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion
- e) Townhouses (attached multi-story)
- 8% Strongly agree
 - 49% Somewhat agree
 - 22% Somewhat disagree
 - 18% Strongly disagree
 - 3% No opinion

f) Condominiums

- 10% Strongly agree
- 37% Somewhat agree
- 23% Somewhat disagree
- 25% Strongly disagree
- 5% No opinion

g) Senior housing

- 24% Strongly agree
- 40% Somewhat agree
- 17% Somewhat disagree
- 14% Strongly disagree
- 5% No opinion

h) Conversion of owner-occupied homes to apartments

- 4% Strongly agree
- 19% Somewhat agree
- 37% Somewhat disagree
- 37% Strongly disagree
- 4% No opinion

i) Mobile homes

- 3% Strongly agree
- 6% Somewhat agree
- 31% Somewhat disagree
- 56% Strongly disagree
- 4% No opinion

j) Mobile home parks

- 3% Strongly agree
- 5% Somewhat agree
- 19% Somewhat disagree
- 70% Strongly disagree
- 3% No opinion

k) Conservation subdivisions (clustered homes with common open space)

- 16% Strongly agree
- 37% Somewhat agree
- 23% Somewhat disagree
- 21% Strongly disagree
- 4% No opinion

V. Natural and Agricultural Resources

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about Sandown's natural resources?

- a) Protecting the sources of our drinking water is important to me
 - 77% Strongly agree
 - 18% Somewhat agree
 - 0% Somewhat disagree
 - 4% Strongly disagree
 - 1% No opinion
- b) Protecting water resources for recreational use is important to me
 - 65% Strongly agree
 - 24% Somewhat agree
 - 3% Somewhat disagree
 - 6% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion
- c) Sandown should protect its streams and water bodies
 - 76% Strongly agree
 - 17% Somewhat agree
 - 0% Somewhat disagree
 - 4% Strongly disagree
 - 3% No opinion
- d) Sandown should concentrate commercial development in existing developed areas to preserve outlying, high-quality natural areas
 - 49% Strongly agree
 - 34% Somewhat agree
 - 8% Somewhat disagree
 - 7% Strongly disagree
 - 3% No opinion
- e) Sandown should concentrate residential development in existing developed areas to preserve outlying, high-quality natural areas
 - 41% Strongly agree
 - 41% Somewhat agree
 - 9% Somewhat disagree
 - 7% Strongly disagree
 - 3% No opinion
- f) Sandown should shift to single-stream recycling, whereby recyclable materials are collected without the need to separate them
 - 31% Strongly agree
 - 28% Somewhat agree
 - 18% Somewhat disagree
 - 14% Strongly disagree
 - 9% No opinion

- g) As a municipality Sandown should play a role in encouraging less consumption
- 33% Strongly agree
 - 34% Somewhat agree
 - 6% Somewhat disagree
 - 15% Strongly disagree
 - 12% No opinion

Sandown should adopt agricultural policies that:

- a) Support the production and sale of local agricultural products
- 61% Strongly agree
 - 30% Somewhat agree
 - 4% Somewhat disagree
 - 1% Strongly disagree
 - 4% No opinion
- b) Support homeowner gardens
- 63% Strongly agree
 - 27% Somewhat agree
 - 3% Somewhat disagree
 - 3% Strongly disagree
 - 4% No opinion
- c) Support community gardens
- 56% Strongly agree
 - 29% Somewhat agree
 - 5% Somewhat disagree
 - 6% Strongly disagree
 - 4% No opinion
- d) Reduce restrictions on livestock-raising by homeowners
- 26% Strongly agree
 - 31% Somewhat agree
 - 23% Somewhat disagree
 - 12% Strongly disagree
 - 8% No opinion
- e) Protect agricultural lands for current or future food production
- 57% Strongly agree
 - 32% Somewhat agree
 - 7% Somewhat disagree
 - 2% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion

Sandown should take action on each of the following energy initiatives over the next ten to twenty years:

- a) Implement additional energy conservation measures for municipal facilities
 - 51% Strongly agree
 - 38% Somewhat agree
 - 4% Somewhat disagree
 - 3% Strongly disagree
 - 5% No opinion
- b) Develop alternative energy sources for municipal facilities as they become cost effective
 - 48% Strongly agree
 - 35% Somewhat agree
 - 7% Somewhat disagree
 - 4% Strongly disagree
 - 7% No opinion
- c) Encourage energy-efficient building construction through Town codes that may be more stringent than state codes
 - 38% Strongly agree
 - 29% Somewhat agree
 - 9% Somewhat disagree
 - 19% Strongly disagree
 - 6% No opinion

VI. Historic and Recreational Resources

Sandown should take the following steps to protect and promote the Town's historic and cultural character:

- a) Preserve historic structures
 - 74% Strongly agree
 - 20% Somewhat agree
 - 3% Somewhat disagree
 - 2% Strongly disagree
 - 2% No opinion
- b) Establish architectural design standards for downtown
 - 38% Strongly agree
 - 37% Somewhat agree
 - 10% Somewhat disagree
 - 12% Strongly disagree
 - 3% No opinion

- c) Install signage to identify historic buildings and historically significant areas
- 39% Strongly agree
 - 45% Somewhat agree
 - 9% Somewhat disagree
 - 3% Strongly disagree
 - 4% No opinion

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the Town's recreation resources?

- a) An expanded community recreational center for people of all ages would enhance Sandown residents' quality of life.
- 31% Strongly agree
 - 36% Somewhat agree
 - 16% Somewhat disagree
 - 11% Strongly disagree
 - 6% No opinion
- b) Sandown should promote more recreational events for the community
- 31% Strongly agree
 - 39% Somewhat agree
 - 11% Somewhat disagree
 - 9% Strongly disagree
 - 10% No opinion

VII. Community Facilities and Infrastructure

Please rate the following existing facilities and infrastructure:

- a) Athletic/playing fields
- 13% Excellent
 - 32% Good
 - 23% Adequate
 - 2% Poor
 - 30% No Opinion
- b) Indoor recreation facilities
- 7% Excellent
 - 24% Good
 - 18% Adequate
 - 18% Poor
 - 34% No Opinion

c) Library

- 16% Excellent
- 39% Good
- 30% Adequate
- 3% Poor
- 13% No Opinion

d) Fire/rescue stations

- 16% Excellent
- 33% Good
- 29% Adequate
- 5% Poor
- 17% No Opinion

e) School district facilities

- 15% Excellent
- 38% Good
- 18% Adequate
- 2% Poor
- 27% No Opinion

f) Police Station

- 8% Excellent
- 14% Good
- 23% Adequate
- 37% Poor
- 19% No Opinion

g) Public Works Facility

- 13% Excellent
- 32% Good
- 23% Adequate
- 2% Poor
- 30% No Opinion

h) Road Maintenance & Reconstruction

- 9% Excellent
- 29% Good
- 31% Adequate
- 16% Poor
- 15% No Opinion

- i) Town Hall
 - 8% Excellent
 - 25% Good
 - 48% Adequate
 - 13% Poor
 - 7% No Opinion
- j) Transfer Station (recycling)
 - 11% Excellent
 - 41% Good
 - 35% Adequate
 - 2% Poor
 - 12% No Opinion

To what extent do you agree that Sandown should implement municipal trash and recycling pick up?

- 17% Strongly Agree
- 33% Somewhat Agree
- 19% Somewhat Disagree
- 32% Strongly Disagree

VIII. Additional Feedback

Which specific road(s) or intersection(s) in town pose the most serious safety threat to each item listed?

Automobiles:

(121a) Main st and North rd

121 A/Hampstead Road

121a

121a

121A

121A

121A and Hampstead Road

121A and North Road

121A, Hampstead rd., Odell Rd.

cross and North roads

Depot, Little Mill, extreme

End of Reed, coming onto Main
freemont rd
Fremont and 121a
fremont rd.,
Fremont Rd., Wells Village
Fremont Road
fremont@odell
Hale True Rd North Rd 121A
Hale True/North Rd/Main St
Hale True/North Road & Griffin Hill and Main St.
Hampstead and Little Mill Road
Hampstead Rd/121A intersection
hawkewood and 121-a--very bad
Intersection of Hampstead/Depot
intersection of North rd, Main st.
little mill & 121A
Little Mill and Oaklawn
Little Mill Road
Little Mill, Odell
Little Mill/Hampstead Rd.
Main And Little Mill
Main and Odell
Main Street
Main street
Main-Fremont-depot intersection
More Chester but Junction 121A & 102
North Rd and Rte 121A
North Road and Main Street
North Road/121A
North/Fremont

ODel & 121A

Odell Rd

Odell Rd. onto Main St.

Odell Rd./Main St.

odell road

Route 121

Bike, ATV:

121 A

121a

121a

121A

121A

121A

121A

121-A

121A for bike riding

121a near town hall

121A, Hampstead Rd., Odell Rd.

Any Road that is not Main Street.

Fremont and 121 a

Hale True Rd North Rd 121A

hampstead rd

Hawkwood Rd

Little Mill, Odell

Main

Main and Little Mille

Main Street

main street

Most roads

north rd., fremont rd, main st.

Odell Rd

odell road

Penacook rd

Railroad bed crossings on 121A & Hampstead Rd.

Route 121

Route 121A

Rte 121A

Pedestrians:

Main Street

Main Street

121A, Hamstead Rd., Odell Rd.

Little Mill, Odell

Main Street

121a

121a

121A

Main Street

121A school zone by library

Main and Little Mill

north rd, fremont rd, main street

Route 121

odell road

Odell Road

Wells Village Rd.

Odell Rd

121A for walking

North Road

Wells Village

Main Street

121A

121a (needs sidewalks)

main street

Library -School

Majority of 121!

121A no sidewalks or bikepaths for adults & children

Hale True Rd North Rd 121A

Hampstead rd

Fremont and 121 a

Any Road that is not Main Street.

121A

Route 121A

121A

Main St., downtown/school area crosswalk needs repainting

downtown

121-A

Name three attributes of Sandown that you find to be most important or attractive.

1-planning board can be voted out of office ---2 voters pay attention to --what planning board does attempting to promote their own agenda--3-voters pay attention to moonbats on the planning board who have no clue -----

rural character

open space

sense of community

Rural Setting, Good Commuting Distance from Larger cities (Manchester & Boston), Community Feel

quiet, non commercialized, good schools

1. Centrally located

2. Has a small town feel

3. low crime

it's quiet,safe,friendly

small town.

Safe

Family oriented

Limited commercial buildings.

Historic

Small town

everyone knows everyone or has at least heard of them!!!

The large areas of undeveloped land made conservation!

The variety of landscape all around

Undeveloped open land

Sense of community

Ease of access to leadership

Small town character.

Community.

No shopping strips.

quiet, safe, nice people

Small Town

Low Crime

Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services

proximity to employer

natural assets/community character

active lay boards

Proximity to Boston

Setting, location, affordability

Small town feel

feel safe

good schools

1. undeveloped land

2. rec building

3. good elementary school

1. not a lot of traffic - quiet setting

Amount of land between houses.

The fact that Sandown is not cluttered with businesses.

1) Good and plentiful water

2) Natural rural beauty and undeveloped open space

3) Beautiful bodies of water for recreation

Small Townood Community, great schools

Philips Pond

Sandown Public Library

Town Forest!

Small town. Road cleaning of snow. Food Bank

small town
natural space
proximity to seacoast, mountains, city

Library, town forest, school district

Not commercial
Good recreation center/beach
rural

small town setting (minus the "eye sore" metal guardrails being installed.)
peacefulness

1. Rural setting

Rural character
Quiet

Small town. Plenty of space between houses.

Small, historic, friendly

Small Town Nature
Undeveloped Spaces (Rural)
Quiet

Rural Nature
Small Town Feel
Good Larger Lot Sizes

Natural resources: trails/town forest/ponds
Sense of community/small town

Rural look
Good schools
Good community support

1. Town forests are excellent
2. lakes and rivers
3. Rural character

Undeveloped land
Wildlife
Single family owned homes

Its bodies of water, open forest areas and all rural atmospheres
Its small town attributes such as no street lights
Its friendly, helpful and nourishing citizens

School system, community and general area

Proximity to Boston, seacoast, and mountains

Phillips Pond, Exeter River, Lower taxes than Derry

I like the small, country town feel. I like the more personal service from the public offices, i.e. police department.

Country setting

No commercial business

Quiet town

The rec trail (atv, snowmobiles)

Public access to Ponds

School system

Quaint small downtown!

Community involvement & volunteers!

Food Bank & clothing source

Sadly, I can't think of anything

Limited government and services.

Quiet neighborhoods.

Strong school support.

Community spirit

Old Home days; town forest; town beach, library

Rural charm; sense of community; aesthetic beauty

Spacious

Relative quietness in residential areas

Affordable property tax

Quiet, Commuter Town, Rural

Close sense of community.

Mostly occupied by familys.

Sandown North & Central Schools.

Small town with a small amount of people

Old Home Days Celebrations

Not of pretty undeveloped land!!

Great library

Conservation areas

Small town charm; green space

Country settings, lots of wildlife, quiet, peaceful town.

Small, NE type town small town community feel. Open spaces, land, woods.

People who work in town hall, post office & library the town forest & trails.

The rural setting

Small town quality, friendly community, No traffic lights
Small quiet town setting (no traffic lights, big stores - restaurants - gas stations)
Historic areas, library nearby towns
Excellent elementary schools, quiet, pretty
country atmosphere; community; small town
Lack of apartments
Rural character
Location
Country setting, undeveloped woods/forest, History.

Name three attributes of Sandown that you would like to change or see improved.

1-stop wasting fed money on needless studies ---just because its a grant doesnt mean its free--2planning board is trying to be way too intrusive in our lives

a little more "downtown" feel

Resident Responsibility for Cleanliness of their property, Access to a gas station in town, better plowing in winter,

1.

trash pickup,better schools,better downtown

more community service events like blood pressure screenings for seniors

more attractive downtown...the reseeding of the town hall is a start!

Less blacktop!!!!!!!!!!!!

Plant some good trees along the street??

fewer new houses built

more protected open space

shoulder expansion on roads to allow for safer biking and walking

A town green.

A rec building somewhere safe, not under high power lines.

Safe places/activities for teenagers.

create a larger downtown with some small stores & restaurants to promote more spending w/in the town

New police station

Improved municipal offices

More recreation opportunities

residential growth needs to be curbed

need more small businesses

yup, taxes

Downtown, preserve open space, and more housing opportunities for young families

inconsistent power, lack of a defined town center, lack of town water and sewer

building inspectors office

1. mandatory recycling---it would reduce cost on waste removal, is attractive to young buyers looking to move in to the area, sets a good example for children and is good for the environment.

2. sidewalks, at least in the downtown area (from central school to post office)

3. better library

1. cleaner town beach

2. It would be nice to have a playground with bike trails for all ages - similar to the park in Windham on rt 111. This could possibly be where the new rec center is.

3. better school district

Street lights!

Have to go out of Sandown for certain items, such as gas.

Poor roads

High taxes

Too much litter

Wish there were sidewalks, speed limit should be enforced on Main Street, would love if there was a dog park

Transfer Station hours (or curbside pickup)

Addition of sidewalks from town hall to Post Office

Expanding Sandown North to include K-5

Having new Town Hall/Safety Complex

Bike Trail

lower taxes!

paved/maintained Bike Paths

Sidewalks on main roads

Extended bus routes for kids attending Timberlane so they don't have to walk to bus pick up locations.

A restaurant in town.

TAXES!!!OMG

same person holding many jobs "Kenny" and being a prick to everyone but the people that he is afraid of.

fair pressure on the home builder and the big builder. (Big boys can do what ever they want. Blow over swaps, not have to do proper road side drainage, paying the town so they dont have to build community area for the development, etc)

1. Increase set back from front property line to dwelling unit; helps preserve rural feeling.

2 Pay more attention to landscaping around Town Hall Fire Dept and Library; they can be

made more attractive.

3. OLD HOME DAY FIREWORKS SHOULD BE ON TOWN PROPERTY NOT PRIVATELY OWNED AND PROFIT MAKING!!!!

Cars go too fast on residential streets...need more enforcement.

Underground utilities.

Selectmen need read NH state constitution before passing illegal ordinances. Police Dept need to make contact with whole neighborhoods when multiple burglaries are committed in the area.

a little more commerce, trash pickup

Single Stream Recycling at the Transfer Station

Better Municipal Buildings (Town Hall, Police and to a lesser extent, Fire)

Enhance police station

Patrol trails more often

Find ways to improve/regulate speed of cars on Odell Rd

Update police station

Better snow removal

Improve area around recreation center

1. Police station

2. Town Hall facilities

3. Athletic fields

Lower 13% taxes that go to schools

Lower pay to city employees (we are in a recession) except police and fire

Lower property tax

Downtown (need one), well-thought-out development, more engagement by public in local decisions.

Reduce taxes, especially when home prices are down

I would like there to be more enforcement on keeping properties clean and clear, i.e. junk cars left on property. I would like to see property taxes go down.

Downtown, needs sidewalks, more lighting, and ideally some local retail bus.

I believe homes that are a danger to its inhabitants and neighbors should be taken seriously when complained about. Some of these older mobile homes, not only are eye sores but they drive down home values and have serious building issues. And when addressed if they have a friend or know the building inspector they go unnoticed and left to their own slow destruction for a minimum of 7 years.

1. The current use tax turned over to the town for infrastructure use! We have enough conservation land to pay for now!!!

2. Less town government restrictions!
3. No more senior housing plans or affordable housing community plans as we have enough of these already. In the current economy the foreclosure and short sale housing is providing enough!

I would like to see the center of town to be more attractive and less rural

sandown police station needs to be expanded

Additional commercial presence.

Enhanced access to and information regarding conservation lands open for public use.

Enhanced access to waterbodies for use by town residents.

More downtown businesses

Need small diner/restaurant

Garbage/recycling pick-up service; new police/firestation; the politics

Lower taxes (school portion especially) added open space

More lighting on secondary streets

Safety precautions on "trickier" intersections

More interactivity and information on website

North School should have greater recreation space for children to run.

Police Station needs to be improved.

Better Access to boat launches and parking.

Gas Station please...

Improvements on existing public buildings.

More Business in the downtown area.

Less builders building houses!!

Make the beach area for residents only, no one from out of town should be there.

Outrageously high property taxes

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Places for children to play; parks

Library needs community room - handicap accessible. Kitchen & town hall could use updating

Lack of bicycle paths; marked trails in town forest

Improved power ability, less blackouts, better library, updated police station

Guns in town forest awful!!!!

I would like a bit more development...I do like the quiet feel of Sandown and am not saying I would want office parks or huge buildings with that being said something

ANYTHING in the down town area would be nice and convenient....I support all buildings being uniform and charming...I feel we could have some shops, coffee places(not chain), restaurants or banks that will enhance the community....

Improve sense of community

Need centrally located town buildings

Less bickering among selectmen that causes embarrassment when in the newspaper

Develop more conservative views of the towns role in it's citizens lives. Promote self reliance, not social welfare. More affordable property taxes.

The Sandown Planning Board is interested in creative ideas that would favorably change the character of Sandown as a place to live or conduct business over the next ten years. What are your ideas?

our downtown area is really sad compared to surrounding towns -ie atkinson--hampstead exeter ----forget the wildlife in newington--concentrate on our town

do not allow for apartments, or multi use housing, as it will have a negative affect to tax structure. do not allow for municipal development, or the town will lose its rural character nature

Lower residential property taxes.

build a bigger and better school to attract younger families to invest money in sandown

make the downtown more convenient with a gas station a more inclusive general store/farmers market. Citizens ATM. Community rec center with fitness equipment. Curbside trash/recycling pick up.

No changes. I do not want to Sandown become a city or to develop commercially.

Re do the local store to look "older" and a bit more historic. Maybe just a facelift.

Cut a median along the library parking lot to separate the road from the parking lot and plant some nice trees, etc!

see 21 above

If/When the Sandown Central School becomes available be ready to move on it to get some much needed municipal space to provide what is needed and to get more recreation space too (gym,playground, sports field, kitchen) Could incorporate the Town Library into the school space and turn current library into police station with appropriate renovations paid from money already in Capital Reserve. Could also rent out retail/office space if the school is owned by the town.

Concentrate development in existing corridors and create a semblance of a commercial corridor

Focus on what we have and not what we don't have

small locally owned businesses like a coffee shop artist live/work space local artisans

shops, an agricultural co-op

i think developement of the downtown would be a good idea if it would help decrease tax burden from the homeowner but not at the expense of the small town atmosphere and community feeling. Also an increase of apartments or low income housing would not be an appealing developement in town. Homeownership tends to maintain a much more stable community.

+ It would be great to have a cute downtown area (a couple of stores, coffee shop, gas station, etc).

+ It would also be nice to have a well defined trail system for walking/hiking and bike riding.

+ If town hall, "the store" and the library were more visually appealing I think it would make a big impact to the downtown area and could attract more customers if other businesses were added.

More bike paths leading somewhere

A place to walk at night that is lit and without traffic

I think a true "down town" would be great. Not big businesses but small personal shops and restaurants would be great.

Move Central students to Sandown North and Utilize Sandown Central site for New Town Hall and/or Safety Complex.

Improve afterschool activity options for kids.

Make downtown more attractive with updated landscaping and uniform signage.

Try to develop some sort of bike trail system for families to use.

Preserve historic sites/buildings to keep the town quaint.

Add more shops but control size, structure and design to keep the town quaint,

Add more sidewalks, bike trails etc... to promote healthy living.

have houses inspected properly so people don't have to rebuild from all the damage the inspector let slide. Looks real bad on the town. (many, many things not up to code in my house of only 11 years. I am seeking legal council for potential suit against the town.)

make downtown more attrative --town green etc

This is a tough town to bike or walk safely due to the narrow and hilly streets. Bike paths? Walking lanes on roads?

Continue the great work the Conservation committe does. Expand town forest.

we need to improve fire protection. More stand pipes, hydrents or the like in residential areas. Too many homes lost due to water delays.

Encourage small business to enter Sandown. A small strip of nice shops would bring dollars into our town and provide a destination in town. We need a NICE gas station.

Sandown should be encouraging small independent businesses as well as agricultural self-sufficiency through local farms and local business owners.

Let the market dictate what works. Don't force subsidized housing or elderly housing.

Better signage- so people who come here know that is Sandown- better usage of historical resources- find ways to promote them to encourage more visitors to Sandown

Help improve the historic train station

Do not take in government money to establish low income housing and people.
Lower the contract amount to school buses. School buses loiter with engines running wasting fuel and hurting the environment.

Create an anchor to draw people to downtown...a store, etc.

Fall festival

Rec center with programs for everyone

Later hrs for town offices

Dont change anything but keep out the commercial development

Downtown, needs sidewalks, more lighting, and idelly some local reatail bus.

Sandown has always maintained its own characher through the years and doesn't need to be changed by everchanging town officals with their own agenda!

Reduce the number of board, commission, committees

Maybe institute some light industry in an area away from town center

Farmers markets are nice. More frequent markets if there already exists one.

More business in the downtown area.

Keep it a small town, no building.

Some communities work with the owners of power lines to develop walking trails.

leave it alone - you will screw it up!

No apartments or multi-family. This is just a revenue stream for landlords, and diminishes the town character

Affordable housing is well intended, but unless you subsidize or control rents, just building cheap units is just profitable for developers

Increase lot size for each new house to two acres. Have a lottery each year for new house building permits to help control town growth.

Please use the space below if you have any additional comments about Sandown's Master Plan or the Town's priorities over the next 10-20 years, or any items addressed or omitted in this survey.

work on improving our town and all our property values not just the property vales of land surrounding planning board members homes--and their waco -- eccentric ideas---

Sandown should continue to be a small town community. We are close enough to other cities for other amenities residents may want More residential or commercial

developments would take away the charm of Sandown.

Can we up our recycling capabilities to take more than just 1, 2,3 and 4s of plastic. Hampstead takes up to 7's...

Need to stop using a band-aid approach. Address space needs and stop putting it off. Fastest growth in Rockingham County and still trying to get by with the same municipal space. Need more business to help with tax base. More requirements from developers of senior housing which impact rescue services and health services. Need to be more creative with current use money and not have it all go to purchasing conservation land and easements.

We need to be thinking how transportation will likely change in 10-20 years and incorporate that into our planning process

Leaning towards a "greener" approach to construction and redevelopment should be a priority as long as it is a rational choice for prolonged sustainability.

Priority needs to be to invest in our schools and town complexes. That adds the most value and appeal to new residents and encourages existing residents to stay. Keeping historic parameters in place are a great idea but facilities must be modern and up to date.

Get rid of "Townies" on the boards who are there to pat each other on the back and stop hiring family over much more favorable/qualified candidates.

Please work to keep the small town appeal of Sandown.

Continue to encourage neighborhood recreational opportunities. Make sure developers actually build rather than just set aside a local rec. area. Too often kids have to get in a car to be able to run around.

The town of Sandown appears to have been trying to implement policies that negatively affect home/landowners under the guise of conservationism. Drive through Sandown, what do you see? Hard to see the forest through all the trees. We have more than enough wetland and a town forest. If I want to build a shed within 100ft of MY swamp, I shouldn't be hassled about it. We are a small enough town to not need all these legalities for homeowners.

Sandown's priorities over the next 10-20 years should be to maintain it's small town, rural New Hampshire charm. Sandown should not attempt to reduce taxes by trying to attract larger commercial ventures or increasing population, but through better use of existing resources.

It would be nice to encourage destinations like Zorvino and the Macaroon store. FYI - The Post Office is an eye sore and poorly run (I know it's the feds, but may be communicated)

Interested to hear what will be said at the forum on the 27th

Keep Sandown from going in the gutter by allowing low income housing. Do NOT raise property tax to keep people here. Infact time to lower taxes.

In our current economy I feel town a town priority should be to focus keeping our roads

maintained, old buildings in tact instead of building new ones and stop the conservation commission take over of our land!

Maintain roads & repair those in disrepair

I would like to have more businesses in Sandown. However small they may be, it would be great to have a place in town to maybe see a doctor, get gas, and grab a cup of coffee without having to go to another town.

no big stores, please keep it the way it is

I would like a Board of Selectmen/women who are conscious of the need to hold costs down. I have seen too many homes abandoned/foreclosed because it is too expensive to live here. This is not a rich town and they need to accept it and do more with less as the rest of us have and continue to do in our daily lives and businesses.

Would love to be able to recycle all types of plastics rather than just #1 and #2

Keep construction limited and population down!

Do not allow conversion of age-restricted developments (55+or 60+) to unrestricted.

Operate town In accordance with the country's Constitution. Preserve country setting. Street lights, sidewalks and recreation areas should be reserved for cities and other areas. If that's what you want, don't move to this town!