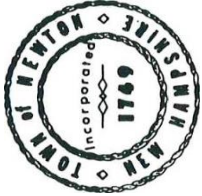


NEWTON IS YOUR TOWN



WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR NEWTON?

A Citizen Survey

The Town of Newton, like other communities, has been mandated by the State to develop a Master Plan. A Master Plan addresses such issues as housing, land use, future growth, etc. It is a tool to guide the future development of Newton.

This is a survey to find out what you think is important about Newton and to get your ideas about its future. This survey is anonymous.

If the Master Plan is going to be a useful tool, it must reflect the views of the people. And it is you, the people of Newton, who are the Town. This survey is one way you can be part of making Newton's Master Plan.

Your answering the questions in this survey will enable the Town to plan its future. The survey will take only a few moments to fill out. Please answer the questions as objectively as possible, and please feel free to make any comments you wish.

The Master Plan Committee is made up of citizens of Newton. You also a citizen, are encouraged to participate in the development of this plan for the future of our town. We meet Thursdays at 7pm, at the A. Marion Hatch building.

You are welcome to call any member of the Master Plan Committee if you have any questions.

Tony Pennisi, <i>Chairman</i>	382-5139
Charles Melvin, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	382-7684
Ann Morin, <i>Secretary</i>	382-5130
Mary Allen	382-5665
Leon Austin	382-7056
Virginia Borden	382-5950
Elliott Estey	382-6292
Arleen Glines.....	382-8940
Charles and June Rogers.....	382-7218
Diana Schneider.....	382-8102
Ralph Schott.....	382-6332

1. How long have you lived in Newton?
2. What is your occupation?
3. Last grade completed?
4. Sex? Male ☐ Female ☐
5. Are you the head of the household? Yes ☐ No ☐
6. How many people live in your household (including yourself)?
7. If you have school-age children (through grade 12), what grades and where are they enrolled?

Children	Grade	Where
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8. How do you rate Newton's school system?
☐ Above Average ☐ Average ☐ Below Average ☐ No Opinion Yes ☐ No ☐
9. Would you support the formulation of a public kindergarten in our local schools?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Needs further study by the Town
11. How often have you visited the Town Library?
☐ Very Often ☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Never

12. How do you evaluate your Library services:

Adequate	Inadequate	No Opinion	
☐	☐	☐	Variety Of New Books
☐	☐	☐	Variety Of Old Books
☐	☐	☐	Variety Of Magazine Subscriptions
☐	☐	☐	Reference Section
☐	☐	☐	Hours Open
☐	☐	☐	Audiovisual
☐	☐	☐	Children's Section

13. Do you feel “ Office Hours” are needed for the

Yes

No

No Opinion

☐

☐

☐

Health Officer

Animal Control Officer

Building Inspector

Road Agent

14. Please rate the following Town Offices/Services:

Adequate

Inadequate

No Opinion

☐

☐

☐

Town Clerk

Tax Collector

Road Agent

Selectmen

Police Force

Fire Department

Planning Board

School Board

Library Staff

Recreation Department

Conservation Commission

Finance Committee

Board of Appeals

Industrial Commission

Health Officer

Animal Control Officer

Building Inspector

Dump

Welfare

Other (please specify)

15. Do you feel the scheduled hours open for the following are:

Adequate

Inadequate

No Opinion

☐

☐

☐

Town Clerk

Tax Collector

Dump

Selectmen

16. Should the following be:

Elected?

Appointed?

No Opinion

☐

☒

☐

Planning Board

Board of Appeals

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Other (list)

17. Which of the following septic systems do you have?

- ☐ Cesspool
- ☐ Dry well
- ☐ Septic Tank/Leachfield
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Don't Know

18. How often is your septic system pumped?

19. Has your septic system ever backed up/failed?

If so, when?

Yes

No

☐

☐

☐

20. What type of water supply do you have?

- ☐ Shallow Dug Well
- ☐ Drilled Well
- ☐ Point/Driven Well
- ☐ Cistern
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Don't Know

21. Has your water supply ever run dry?

If so, when and how often?

Yes

No

☐

☐

☐

22. If you own land in Newton, how is your land currently used?

- ☐ Residential
- ☐ Open Space
- ☐ Active Farmland Forest
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Other

23. Do you own any Newton land in " Current Use"?

If so, do you plan on taking any of the land out of "Current Use"?

Yes

No

☐

☐

☐

24. If you own property in Newton, are you considering subdividing in the next _____ years?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Does Not Apply

25. Do you support land use regulations to guide future

Yes	No	No Opinion
☐	☐	☐
Industrial Growth?		
☐	☐	☐
Commercial Growth?		
☐	☐	☐
Residential Growth?		

26. Are Newton's current Ordinances:

Yes	No	No Opinion
☐	☐	☐
Too Restrictive?		
☐	☐	☐
Too Lax?		
☐	☐	☐
About Right?		
☐	☐	☐
Don't Know		

27. What types of businesses/services does Newton need?

28. What type of growth would you like to see in Newton?

☐ Commercial	☐ None
☐ Shopping Areas	☐ Professional Services
☐ Medical/Health Services	☐ Other (list) _____
☐ Industrial	

29. Where would you like to see future residential development? (Check as many as you like.)

☐ On Present Roads
☐ In Planned Subdivisions
☐ Anywhere In Town
☐ In Clusters (allows higher density of housing in exchange for permanent open space)
☐ Other _____

30. Which of the following would you like to see increased, decreased, or remain the same.

Increase	Decrease	Same
☐	☐	☐ Recreational Facilities
☐	☐	☐ Fire Protection
☐	☐	☐ Police Protection
☐	☐	☐ Road Maintenance
☐	☐	☐ Ambulance Service
☐	☐	☐ Library
☐	☐	☐ Public Education
☐	☐	☐ Environmental Protection (open space, forest, scenic areas, wetlands)
☐	☐	☐ Protection of Town Historic Character
☐	☐	☐ Agricultural Land Use

31. When a developer submits a large subdivision plan (ie, more than 15 houses), should he be required to include:

Yes	No	No Opinion
☐	☐	☐ Sidewalks
☐	☐	☐ Curbs
☐	☐	☐ Underground Utility Cables
☐	☐	☐ Erosion Sediment Control
☐	☐	☐ Fire Ponds
☐	☐	☐ Recreation/Open Space
☐	☐	☐ Payment in fair share of up-grading existing town roads leading to their subdivisions

What kind of effect is the growth of surrounding towns having on Newton?
Please Explain _____

☐ Good _____

☐ Bad _____

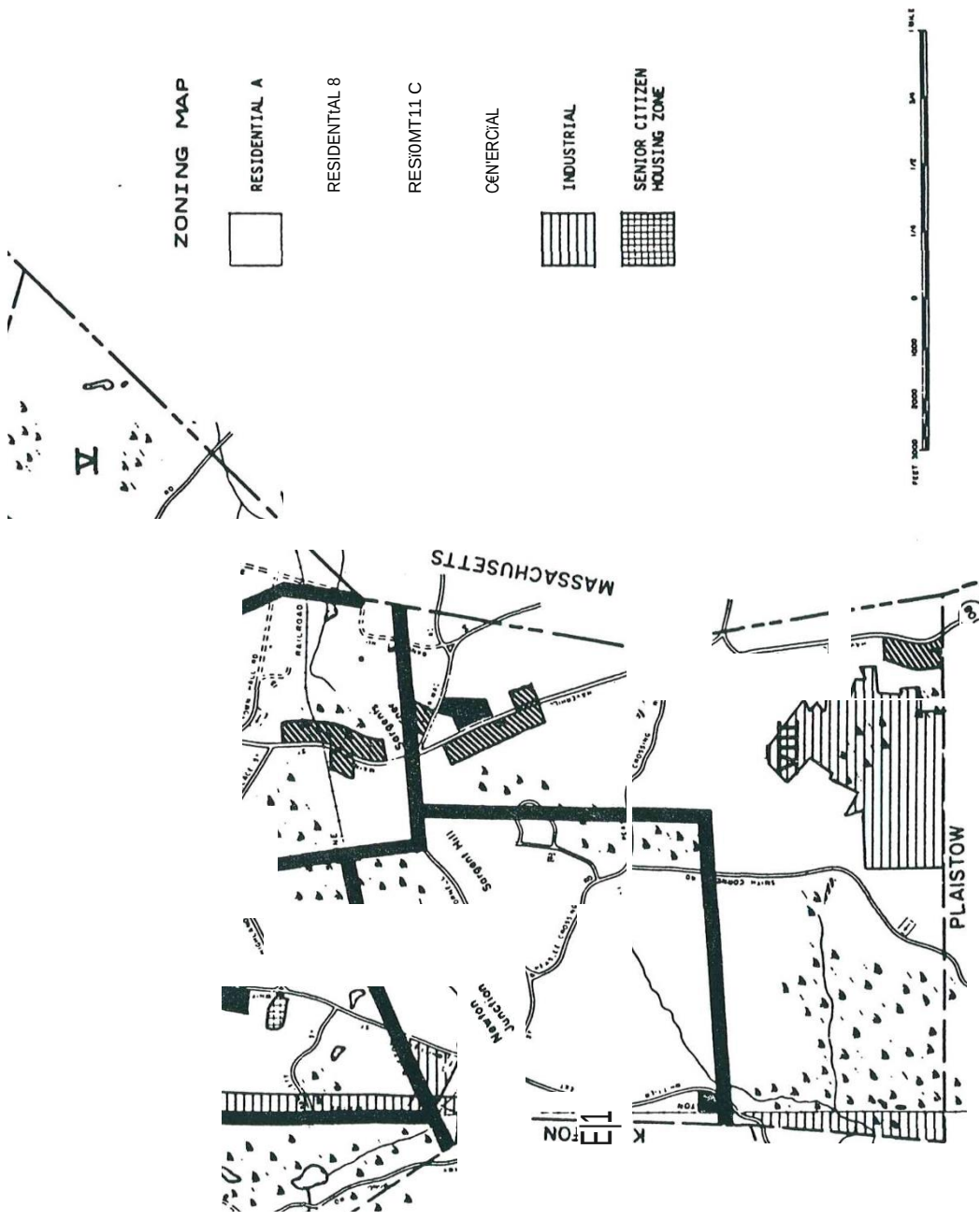
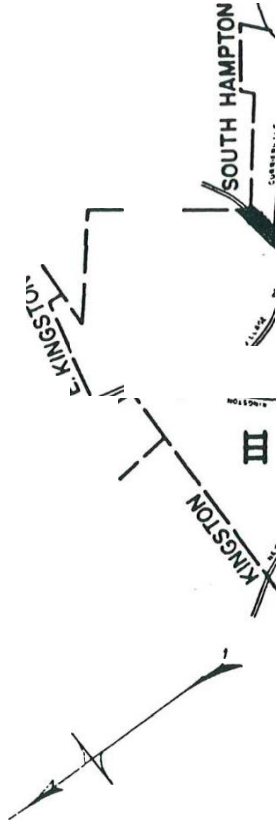
☐ No Opinion _____

33. Since 1975, Newton has grown from about 2,600 people to about 3,600 people. In the next 10 years, would you like the rate of growth to:

☐ Stay the Same	☐ Increase By 1,000
☐ Decrease	☐ Increase By 2,000
☐ Increase By 500	☐ Other

34. What is your opinion about the future growth of Newton? I want:

☐ No Growth	☐ Growth, Not Limited But Generally Controlled
☐ Limited and Controlled Growth	☐ No Opinion About Growth
☐	☐ Unlimited Growth & No Control



TOWN OF NEWTON, N. H.

35. Using the Town Map, please tell us what section (I-VIII) you live in.

36. Referring to the above Map, do you feel our current Zoning Districts are?

☐ Adequate ☐ Inadequate ☐ No Opinion

Please indicate any changes you would make on the map.

37. If you feel there should be growth in any of the following, please state where you feel growth should be. (Refer to Map)

- Commercial _____
- Shopping Center _____
- Professional Offices _____
- Industrial _____
- Other _____

38. Referring to the map, please state below the areas best suited for the following:

Map Section	Street
Historical District	_____
Industrial District	_____
Commercial District	_____
Open Space District	_____
Shopping Center District	_____
Medical/Health Office District	_____
Other Professional Services	_____
Single Family Housing	_____
Agricultural Use District	_____
Mobile Homes	_____
Apartments	_____
Duplexes	_____
Condominiums	_____
Elderly Housing	_____

39. Please rate these according to their importance to you. (Choose from; Very Important, Important, Unimportant, No Opinion)

	Very Important	Im- portant	Unim- portant	Vary Unimportant	No Opinion
Reduction Of Property Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Preservation Of Open Space	0	0	0	0	0
Public Sewer Service	0	0	0	0	0
Public Water Service	0	0	0	0	0
Road Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
Local Job Opportunities	0	0	0	0	0
Develop/Enforce Code Of Ethics For Town Employees and Officials	0	0	0	0	0
Keeping Newton “ As Is”	☐	0	☐	☐	☐
Other (please Specify)					

40. Please state your opinion of the following:

Water Supply _____

Housing _____

Commercial Growth _____

Traffic _____

Industrial Growth _____

Residential Growth _____

Growth of Surrounding Communities _____

Other _____

41. What do you like most about Newton? _____

42. What do you like least about Newton? _____

43. Why do you choose to live in Newton? _____

44. How would you change Newton? _____

45. Is there anything concerning Newton that we have forgotten to mention? Please use any free space to add anything you wish. Your concerns, worries, desires, and wishes are important. We want to know what you think about your Town and its future.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY WITHIN TWO (2) WEEKS IN ORDER FOR YOUR OPINIONS TO BE INCLUDED.

You may return your survey by dropping it into **special** sealed boxes at the following locations:

RI. 108 Variety	
Rowes Corner Market	
Newton Junction Variety	Newton Library
Newton Junction Hardware	Or Mail To:
Newton Town Hall	Master Plan Committee
Newton Lower Village Variety	Newton Town Hall
State Line Store	Newton, N.H. 03865

WE NEED AND WELCOME YOUR INPUT.
REMEMBER OUR OPEN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE.