

Hancock Comp Plan Vision/Focus Group June 10, 2025

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Housing:

If you want more taxes, need more people & housing
A lot of land is not used for housing
Seasonal housing forces people to vacate in summer
Only housing increase has been in area west of Carrying Place
Housing stock on market is not affordable
Few new houses have been put up in last 50 years
Can't build more without subdivisions
Like low density of housing
Seasonal rentals not a concern at present

Recreation:

Need walking lanes on roads
Bike paths
Have a good number of walking trails
Rec Committee needs joint meeting with us
Bicycle Club; game night; chess club; community activity groups needed
Infuse information with Rec committee needed
Access to water: Ferry Point; HGPVIS Wharf
Look for Town-owned lots on Point, etc.
Nice park area at end of Brook Lane or Kilkenny opening to Carrying Place

Land Use:

Recommend growth area
Real village business center & walking area
More cluster subdivision housing
Multi-family housing
Life-safety code needs full time code enforcement officer

Town Services:

Recycling (not likely until market changes)
Some towns do pay for a single-sort system
Roads, Plowing, Trash Pick-up all seem good at this time
Food waste compost option at Community Garden
Newsletter; Social media page; TV Channel needed
Memorial Day Services need continued support
Strongly urge community sense be improved
Emergency services; State Police coverage/County Sheriff (who can provide better services?)
Fire Department: New station big enough for current use and future growth. (Needs to be within 5 miles to have insurance coverage; just reaches to end of Hancock Point.)
Fluctuating volunteer roster; extensive training and commitment required; but many tasks are involved
Number of towns got grant for recruitment and retention; social media and materials provided
Northern Light EMS transporting; contract per-capita; Sullivan all volunteer also.

[Notes by D.Kimmel]