

What other things should the Planning Board consider in preparing our new Master Plan?

a clean water supply for the town

a full time building inspector

access from lyme, signs from lyme end directing drivers, interstate is not all that far.

Allowing mobil homes on private land will attract more land owners and the town will gain more tax payers

before even considering a master plan for building a clean up (underlined) master plan should be implemented. Private "Junk yards" should be Taxed higher than the nice clean well kept yards

bringing in rates you can not have state of the art schools and services while being just a bedroom community.

bringing more people and businesses to Canaan.

Changing the 60% rule to a simple majority.

Clean up the town. It looks like it's dying. It leaves a terrible image.

Clean up Town!

Cleaning up + controlling junky areas on approach to town on Rt. 4..Gives + bad impression to people approaching town.

community theatre

Consider the type of people you want to attract to Canaan. What kind of people do want to move into the area and make their home? How can we make the area attractive to a young couples who want to start a family and send their kids through our school system?

How do we preserve the integrity of our small, rural town and still move into the future?

Cost of living

Create safe walking course in Canaan Village.

dropping the out of state fees for registrations and licenses for property owner who pay real estate taxes to the town. More people would purchase land, expand their business geographical location (if employees were allowed to provide group outings to parks and recreation areas), be enticed to visit the town and see what else it has to offer, use the local shops, restaurants, auto and home services. Most out of state property owners use less than 20% of the local services yet pay full value on their real estate taxes. The town can develop more money while having little impact on the service rendered for that money. A win-win. Be the town that does this first and it will be the town that reaps the benefits first.

Economy for the working person

Economy state and the resources of our residents. If our residents have limited resources then a grandiose plan with high dollar items will only drive residents out and restrictive zoning boards cause unnecessary politics in development driving away businesses. Just my opinion.

elderly population increasing that taxes town resources, everything that is Canaan

eliminate "view tax"; bring back the "fair". bigger break for NH vets.

Distribute the email, phone #, address for town officials

Emergency response, evacuation

employment preservation of natural resources water quality
encourage a new high school in Enfield
set up a chamber of Commerce
Continue cleaning up + encouraging businesses in the downtown
Encourage beautification of property, less penalty for making home improvements.
encourage growth of business
Encourage small farms so people can have fresh food right from the farm -- Don't tax their land so high
Encouraging agriculture
Encouraging business parks and more rental property as well as denser mixed use commercial/residential development near canaan village with sidewalks. Encourage businesses so people don't have to go all the way to Lebanon. Build on our rail trail and outdoor sports accessibility, encourage ATV park growth as well as businesses to support the racetrack and snowmobiling/motor cross etc. like restaurants and taverns. (Not dive bars/biker bars). Make Canaan a bedroom community for the DHMC/Dartmouth employees and home values will improve. Do not squander this opportunity!
Encouraging more churches, church involvement and community involvement
Encouraging young families to settle in Canaan. Many of our friends have moved out of Canaan to settle down.
Expansion of water/septic
Explain to the tax payers what the master Plan does.
hiring a part-time planner
How to attract businesses to Canaan that will, in turn attract cultural opportunities and be in tune with the environment
How to attract more stable, educated people
How we will promote Canaan. Something needs to be done about the junk yards and houses on rte4. We need to support our schools and bring in decent businesses. A reason for people to want to move here and drive up our economy.
I am pleased with everything except property taxes and inflated home values
I know the high school is a district wide issue, but it has to play a role in the Master Plan.
I would like to see Canaan remain a smaller, more rural community. continue to keep it safe and quiet.
Improved downtown area (it's the heart of the community).
Recreational areas for town folks to gather.
Schools...Schools and Schools!
Finding out a way to control tax cost.
Improvement of the dirt roads.
Implement side-walks or safe ways to walk - especially when town is hosting special events.
increased services needed(police, fire) & utilities (water & sewer)
It would be wonderful to have some type of outlet or other retail center for drawing among all the towns.
Tilton has been very successful and are quite far away.
keep taxes down

Less regulations

Limit on welfare apartments.

Limit town pays per mo.

Look at your last plan. Was it a success? I suggest modesty rule the day.

Lowering property taxes, reducing/removing services that increase property taxes

make eliminating the planning board

maintain slow steady growth rate

Make sure economic activity and a hands off approach takes precedence over economic killing activities.

Make sure that Canaan grows but maintains enough natural, ecologically sound open areas to sustain wildlife and clean water and air.

Maybe all towns involved with the high school should include a master plan on helping to pay for improvements. My fear is that the state will close the school & all kids will have to attend other high schools.

Middle school and high school

more clustered housing; preserve open space; beautifying and enlivening the downtown

Moving town offices and giving library more space for community happenings. Sidewalks. Educational programs : gardening, farming, /agriculture classes.

Need to think about a Full Time Fire Chief and or Fire Dept.

negative impact on taxes;

Rt 4 development needs to be encouraged due to the pivotal role that this roadway is used by most residents

never implement snob zoning; high taxes on overpriced land is punishment enough

New and relocated town office building

No Opinion

not to have hidden agendas

Nothing!

Number of new building to be allowed before we need to discourage new growth, plan for the size and makeup of the new growth so it doesn't ruin the character of the town

People say they don't want zoning, but you can't protect yourself from unwelcome development without it. And folks do seem to want to maintain a small town feel to the community.

places for new restaurants & supermarket

police, fire, public roads

preserve agricultural land, forests.

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PROTECTING & DEFENDING 1ST 10 Ammendments of the U. S. CONSTITUTION (BILL OF RIGHTS)

Protection of town self governance

fire police

Health/elderly/mental Health

Reduce noise generated by the rae track

Regulate developers from building affordable housing that no one can afford the housing (rent) only to turn around to build more affordable housing. Once trees are cut, buildings built, no going back. Canaan will lose its value. Why not just preserve what we have.

residential and commercial zoning

Respect and maintain landowner rights. Remember who has made the investment in purchasing and paying taxes on land.

Respecting the rights of property owners and their privacy

Restrictions on junk in peoples' yards

School notes: it is going to cost too much to rebuild this school put money aside to do repairs + stages and bid out the work to local companies (not Johnson controls which will cost a fortune) start a school fund
Look at Master Plans for successful communities (Hanover, New London)

Selling vacant town properties for more revenue

selling vacant town properties so we can get revenue from them

show outsiders we have things to offer business

Solar farms at this latitude is just a fraud. Don't buy into it. There's something to wind farms, but even they won't pay off for Canaan—there will be cheaper green energy piped in from somewhere else and Canaan would be better off paying for improved transmission than for local wind farms. Wind farms don't employ people, they don't attract people.

step up/phase in zoning; not overnight, small steps& add some

Stop taxing the citizens out of their homes

Sustainability. We need to be sure we have a secure, clean water supply, open land, and alternative, non-polluting energy sources.

Taxes

that attracting new business to town should not be done at the expense of tax revenue

That if we want this town to survive and thrive, we need to make it appealing to the people who can bring energy and resources to the community. All over NH, small towns are aging and young people are leaving, taking their money, future earnings and community investments with them. How do we stop this? If this were a more vibrant town, we could be a true bedroom community to Plymouth, DHMC, Dartmouth and Lebanon. Unfortunately, professionals in those areas don't find Canaan appealing because it seems like a place that doesn't have a bright future. Driving into town from any direction, let's face it -- people aren't taking pride in their property and the gateways to the town are riddled with junked cars, dilapidated homes, falling down buildings, rutted roads, and no attention is drawn to the good things. The best entry into town is on rte 118 and that's only because there's nothing there! So many times, a friend visits and says "wow, there's nothing here." -- and not in a good way. Canaan looks run down. It looks like we never recovered from the building of 189. Let's compare ourselves to Andover, NH. They're off the interstate but they have restaurants, offices, and they look nice. Sure,

they have a prep school BUT SO DO WE. Let's step it up and take pride in our community. For example, the racetrack is a great asset but why is there no place for anyone to eat, drink, or stay either before or after? We need to build on the assets we have while raising our standards.

The image of the community - such things as the Maytag & Jamison junkyards and the unregulated proliferation of signs & banners lining the common present a very poor image of the town

The increasing price of gas in the next several years will probably force people out of Canaan because they will have to live closer to their work, grocery stores and public transportation. the residual cost of living in Canaan is getting very high.

The need to cut school taxes. Reduce property taxes

the racetrack is an eye-sore; too noisy-you can't enjoy summer evenings and now they "practice" all the week long. PLEASE LIMIT THE NOISE.

The taking of private roads public should not be by public vote. People of this town are so cheap, they never agree to anything unless it directly benefits them.

The widespread prevalence of mobile homes that are old and unkept is ruining our residential areas. My homes value has deteriorated 30% at least because a 1950-60 vintage mobile home moving in next door that is unfinished and has a dirt mud pit for a front lawn. Even if I wanted to seek I would not get what I think my home was worth. Very discouraging that this type of growth goes on with no restriction whatsoever.

town water and sewer expansion
thinking green (outdoor boilers)

Transfer station - A need to recycle good items in swap shop. Leave articles in good condition; take items and leave donation for Dollars for Scholars.

Try to make the Master Plan lively and entertaining. If you can, it will attract more people to become involved. That in turn will make the plan stronger.

upgrading the look of the approach to the green meaning along route 4. Clean up junk owners

Walkable neighborhoods, trails through out the town.

Ways to enforce some of the regulations we now have. Cleaning up some of the town's eye sores. Hard to encourage people to come to town when they have to go by some of the "other town Dumps". Several on Route 4 on the west side of town, and the far west side of town

We are a bedroom town now but should we now encourage small businesses, recreational facilities yet preserve the open space is preserved as well.

We are new here and love the town and want to help if we can. A listing of Help Needed (Town Flyer).

We need to allow business to move in to help with the growth.

we need to attract a wealthier crowd

We need to grow our community starting with a better school so we can attract young families to our community bringing with it the opportunity for growth in other areas such as business and more community events.

Work to Keep CANAAN a Quiet, safe, Rural COMMUNITY.

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Zoning - careful and thoughtful

Zoning laws

Maintain the beach + bath house

zoning laws not allowing large parcels of land to be subdivided into lots less than 3-5 acres

zoning to protect the areas in town that have not been ruined by sprawl.

Zoning!!!!

Zoning. Without zoning, the Planning Board must approve requests that meet all current requirements, regardless of whether the board and/or town considers them desirable.

Do you believe that the Planning Board should develop and propose a zoning ordinance for Canaan, which would be voted on at a Canaan Town Meeting?

Yes 64% No 31%

depends

Don't know. Depends on what type of ordinance

I believe there needs to be some zoning (no junk yards), noise ordinance-racetrack. I don't live in the country to hear that till 11 pm.

I think there should only be commercial zoning ordinances

I would like to see a type of zoning as long as it is not so restrictive as to hinder the elderly and lower income people from staying in Canaan

more information on what zoning ordinance involves

Yes, but getting it passed would be even more difficult than the school renovation

yES, BUT LIMITED IN SCOPE TO ONLY CONTROL OBVIOUS THINGS

Yes, but with limits

yes, for biz, residential & racetrack

Need details