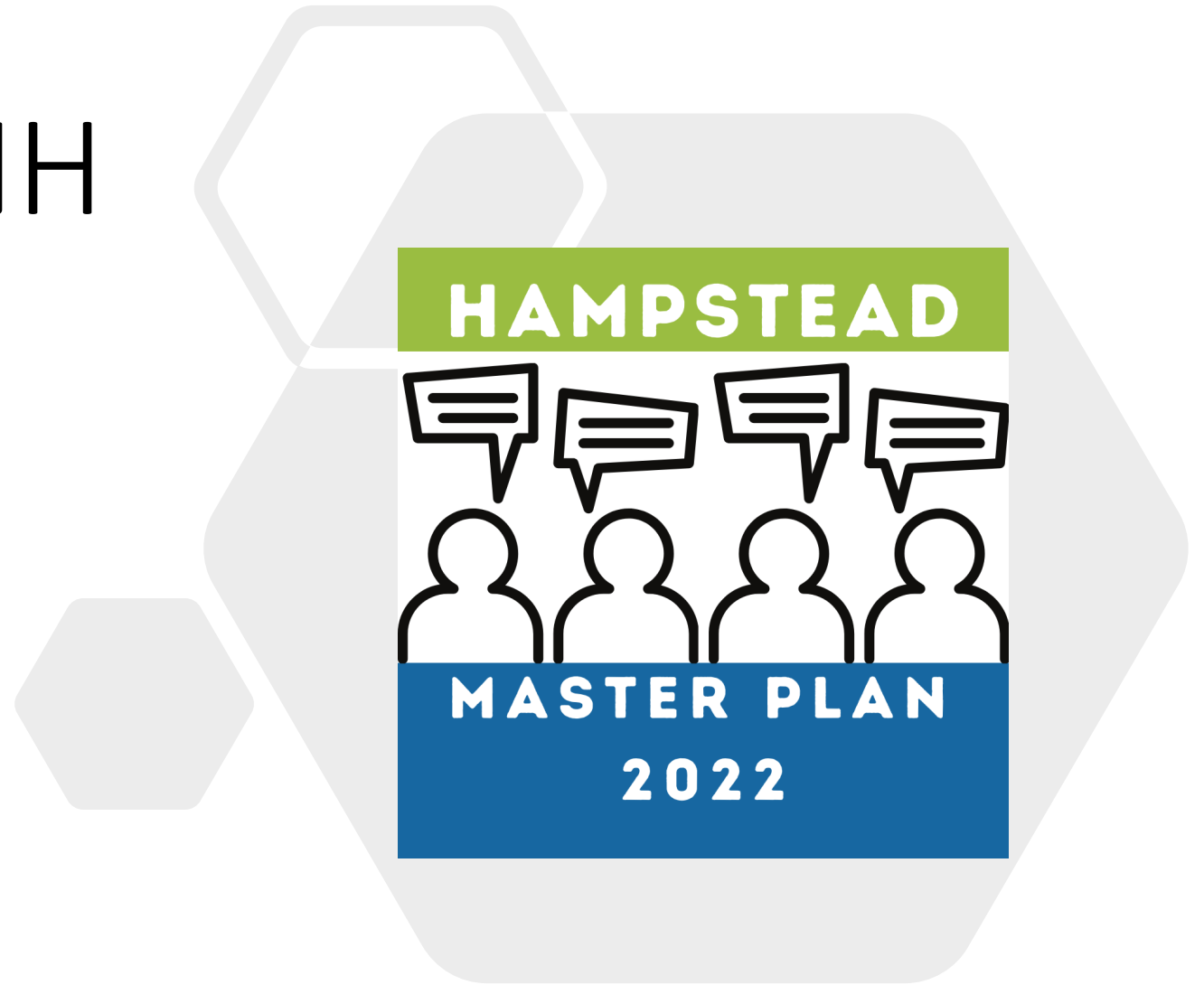
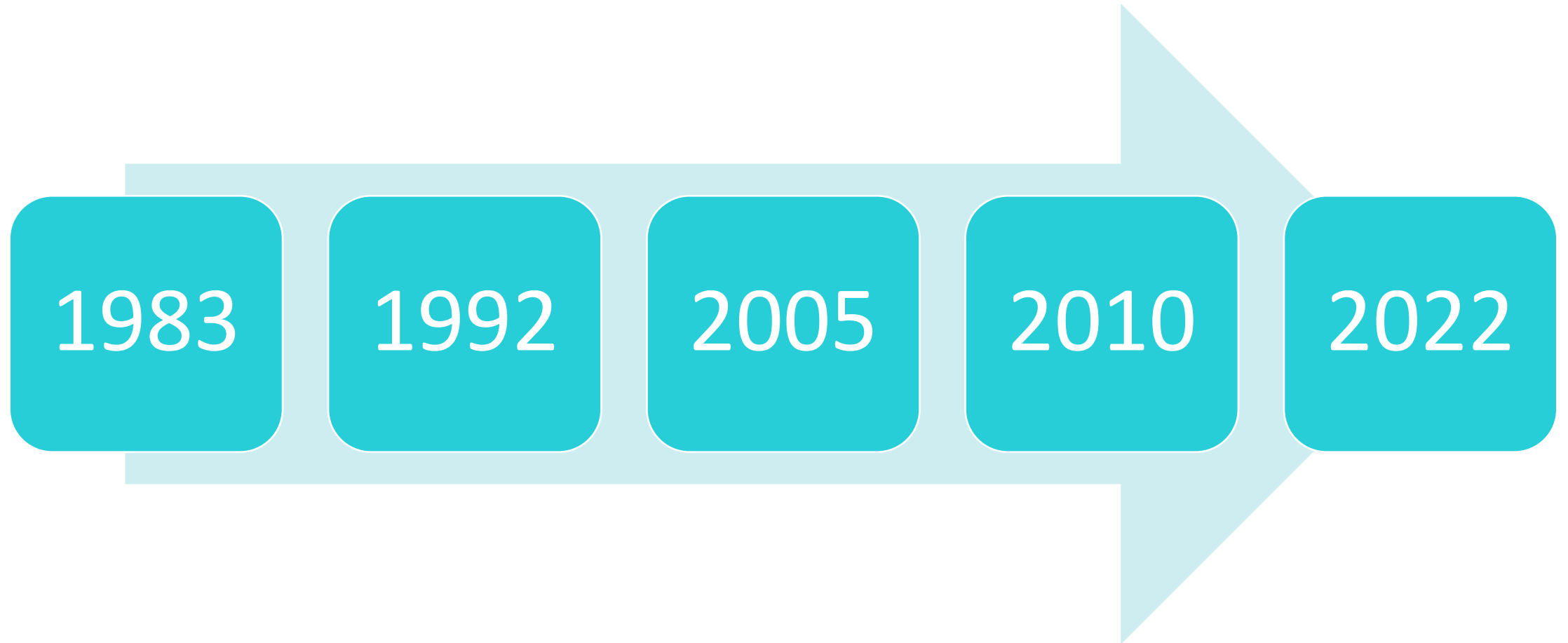


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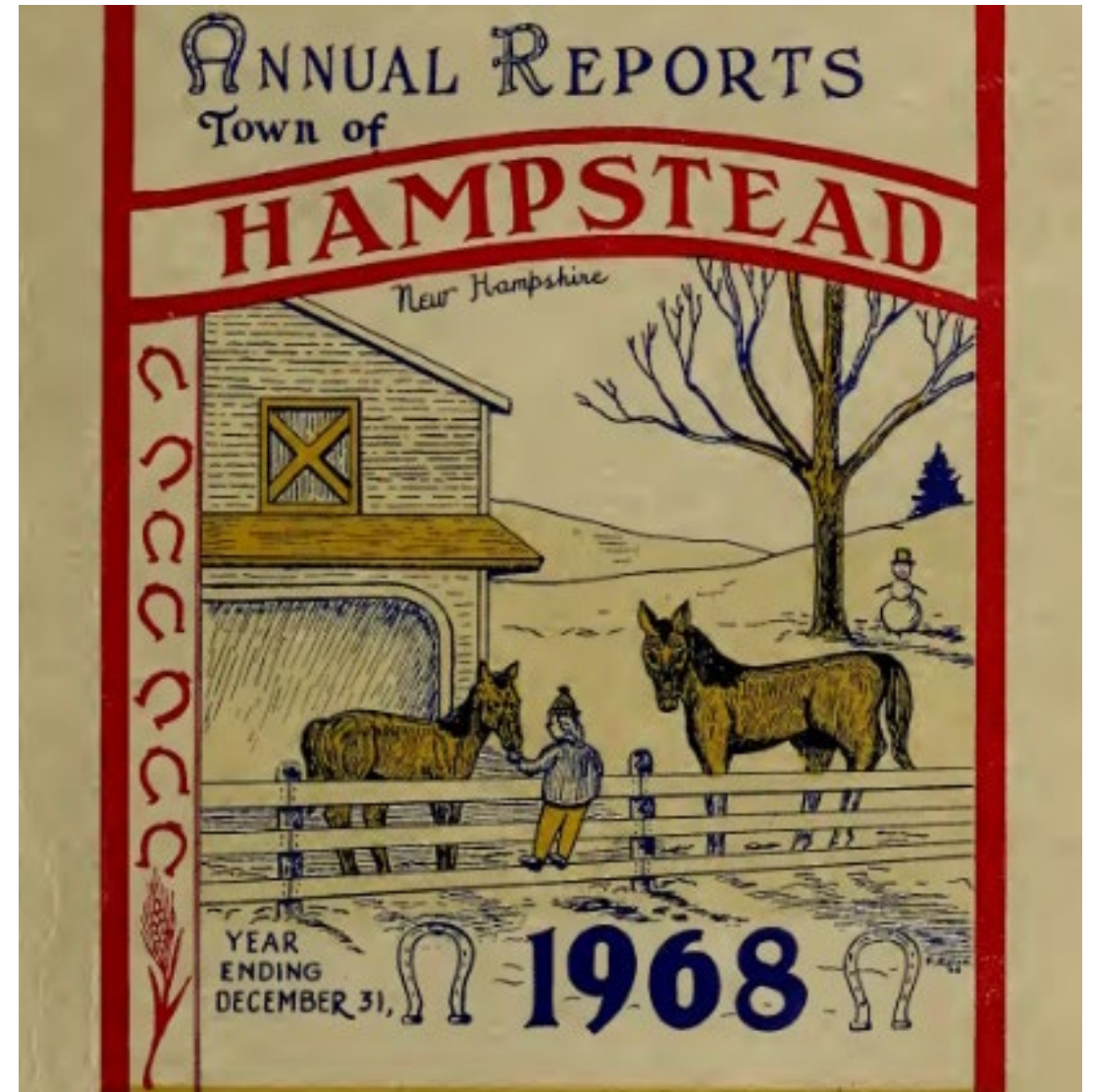


A little Master Plan history...



What is a Master Plan?

RSA 674:2, II “[t]he master plan shall be a set of statements and land use and development principles for the municipality...to give legal standing to the implementation ordinances and other measures of the planning board.”



Who is a Master Plan for?

For decision-makers in Hampstead, not just the Planning Board!



How did we get here?

- Master Plan Committee Meetings— April 2021 to July 2022
- June 2021 – Public Survey with 800 participants
- April 2022 – All Boards & Departments Input Session
- May 2022 – Two Public Input Sessions



**SHARE YOUR IDEAS ABOUT
THE FUTURE OF HAMPSTEAD
- TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY!**

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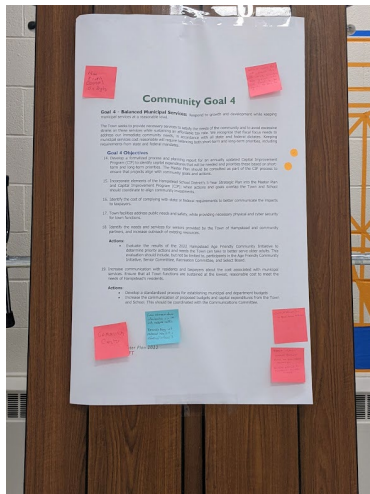
SURVEY OPEN UNTIL JUNE 30



THE HAMPSTEAD PLANNING BOARD, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION, IS UPDATING THE TOWN'S MASTER PLAN AND IS SEEKING OPINIONS AND INPUT.

PAPER SURVEYS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICES AND LIBRARY.

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Vision

Our vision for Hampstead is to maintain our quaint village atmosphere and its traditional rural New Hampshire countryside so that all residents can share in the varied quality of life experiences available to them.

The town should sustain its reliable local government infrastructure to ensure the public welfare and safety. Our infrastructure shall continue to be thoughtfully developed and well maintained. We will remain committed to preservation of the town's historical and cultural heritage, natural resources, and environment. Our community merits sustained access to open space for leisure and ambiance. Our community will endeavor to have recreational, lifelong learning, enrichment opportunities, and social activities for all age groups.

We will strive to keep Hampstead a vibrant community in which to live, work, worship, and play.



Community Goal 1 -

Use the Master Plan to Guide the Town:

Use the Master Plan as a strategic guide for town department, elected officials, and residents to help ensure the goals of the community are being met when pursuing activities.



Community Goal 2 -

Preserve Community Character: Provide for orderly land use and development to preserve Hampstead's character for the benefit of present and future residents of the town.



Community Goal 3 -

Protect the Environment: Protect areas of environmental importance, including wetlands and sources of drinking water. Protection of resources and land areas of environmental significance will benefit the citizens of the Town and the region.



Community Goal 4 -

Balanced Municipal Services: Respond to growth and development while keeping municipal services at a reasonable level.



Community Goal 5 -

Enable Recreational Opportunities and Facilities for All Ages: Maintain and encourage development of recreational programs and facilities to improve the health and welfare of Hampstead's present and future residents.



Community Goal 6 -

Encourage Commercial Services that Benefit Residents: Balance necessary commercial services and developments for residents, employment opportunities, local economic benefits and other community needs with the preservation of Hampstead's character, environment, and rural ambiance.



Community Goal 7 -

Strive for a Diverse Housing Supply:

Encourage the provision of an adequate supply of housing to meet the needs of all of Hampstead's residents – including all income levels and age groups



Community Goal 8 -

Advocate for Clean Water for All: Advocate for the quantity and quality of both surface and groundwater are protected in the near and long-term.



Community Goal 9 -

Provide Safe Roadways for Vehicles, Bikes, and Pedestrians: Optimize public safety on existing roadways, road and facility accessibility through application of proven mobility programs. Diligently apply development regulations to improve Hampstead's transportation network to the greatest extent possible.



Community Goal 10 -

Protection of Historic, Cultural and Agricultural Resources: Hampstead resources warranting protection, include historic structures, significant scenic qualities, and agricultural resource. Encouraging preservation of these resources is essential to maintaining Hampstead's community character.



Community Goal 11-

Encourage Civic Engagement and Keep It High: Volunteerism and participation by residents in town activities and decisions serve to provide for a stronger community.

The Master Plan is one primary tool for the community's use to help achieve that goal, however, the success on reaching that goal depends on the community's participation and commitment



Implementation

Action #	Action Description	Timeframe	Lead and Supporting Groups/Departments for Acting
1.A	Planning Board submit annual request to all boards, commissions and committees to 1) review the Master Plan's implementation plan to update the actions that the various boards have been identified as having a role in, and 2) provide an update regarding progress on those actions and future actions.	Quarterly	Planning Board, all other Town boards and departments supporting.
1.B	Planning Board to work with the Select Board to organize an annual meeting of municipal boards and department heads to review the Master Plan and identify how the objectives and actions fit in with each board and departments annual work plan. This meeting would ideally occur within in a few weeks of Town Meeting to serve as a reminder of the Master Plan goals and to coincide with boards organizational meetings after elections. This meeting should occur in approximately September to coincide with the Town budget season.	Annually, in September	Planning Board & Select Board
1.C	All boards, commissions, committees, and departments will consider the Master Plan's goals and actions within their short-term/ annual work plans and long-term/ five-year work plans. All are encouraged to communicate needed adjustments to actions, including timeframes, to the Planning Board, or Master Plan Committee if created.	Ongoing	All Town Boards/Departments



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