



# TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD

## Community Priorities Survey Final Results

March 2006

Many town residents shared their dreams and concerns for Hampstead's future during Speak Up Hampstead last April. This survey is the next step to define and incorporate those dreams and concerns into an updated Master Plan for the town.

It is very important to hear from the town residents in light of a) the projected growth for Rockingham County, b) expansion of Route 93 and c) regional development trends that have transpired since our last Master Plan update in 1992. Thus, we are asking for your input and ideas by completing this Survey.

As you reply to this survey, please keep in mind that implementation of some of the your answers may have an impact on the tax rate and land use in the town.

If you wish to add a category/comment to the survey, please use the space provided on page two.

There is no need to sign or write your name in this survey: all responses are anonymous.

Please drop off your completed survey **by April 16<sup>th</sup>** at boxes located in the Town Office, the Public Library, Don's Market, Hannaford's, Prime Pizza, Central Market, TD Banknorth, Community Bank and Ocean Bank.

If you prefer, please mail the survey to  
Hampstead MPAC Survey  
Town Office Building  
11 Main Street  
Hampstead, NH 03841

Thank you for participating in updating the Master Plan for Hampstead. Your input and opinions are very important to chart the vision and define the path that our town should follow in the future.

Feel free to contact the Planning Board or the Master Plan Advisory Committee directly via its website at [www.hampsteadnh.us/mpac](http://www.hampsteadnh.us/mpac)

*Hampstead Planning Board  
Master Plan Advisory Committee*

### PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE SURVEY PER PERSON

**For demographic analysis purposes only, please indicate**

1. Your Age Group 18-29 **15** 30-39 **53** 40-59 **273** 60-79 **152** 80+ **20**
  2. Do you currently have children at Central/Middle/Pinkerton? Yes **145** No **332**
- Total Surveys included = 549**

How would you rate the <b>QUALITY</b> of the <b>EXISTING</b> services or facilities?	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NO OPINION - DON'T USE	FAIR	POOR
Police	214	249	39	28	2
Fire/Rescue	267	211	50	8	1
Ambulance	210	168	137	15	2
Library	211	213	81	26	8
Cemetery Care	55	164	283	20	9
Web Page	45	198	210	48	14
Town Transfer Station	69	190	183	52	23
Curbside Trash Pickup	217	271	11	30	9
Recycling	183	253	36	49	8
Public Access (Cable)	61	239	105	93	28
Trail System	86	212	187	30	9
Ponds/Lakes	79	242	143	53	14
Small Localized Playgrounds	35	151	239	74	34
Ordway Nature Park	63	166	235	59	10
Shop Pond Park	43	199	228	52	7
Town Sport Fields	125	177	199	23	7
Town Beach	42	176	210	87	17
Town Gym	33	165	237	71	23
Senior Center	20	66	371	38	24
Road Conditions (repair/paving)	66	322	4	109	30
Snow Removal	94	280	10	104	51
Street Lights	54	234	56	107	69
Speed Limits Enforcement	75	296	30	86	45
Speed Limit Adequacy (speed limits in town roads/streets)	81	349	15	68	17
Traffic Lights	102	362	15	45	11
Traffic Volume	42	284	32	129	31
Truck Traffic (through neighborhoods)	37	200	88	125	63
Park & Ride (off Rt121)	30	69	399	9	20
Elderly Van Service	9	20	465	19	14
School Bus Service	64	147	271	34	9
Balance or mixture of housing	53	274	58	102	30
Housing choices (the variety of types of housing available to buyers)	58	274	47	115	30

*Please use this space to add your comments or opinions about any of the issues covered in this survey.*

How would you rate the NEED for these <b>NEW</b> facilities, housing or services?	VERY NEEDED	SOMEWHAT NEEDED	NO OPINION	NOT VERY NEEDED	NOT NEEDED
New Police Station	62	124	76	139	135
New Fire Station	15	45	69	156	247
Improve Building at Town Beach	61	94	186	89	97
Sidewalks	125	132	53	84	138
Expand Cemeteries	93	140	183	53	63
Town-owned Water System	69	103	91	99	173
Town-owned Sewer System	72	94	89	98	178
Town-owned Ambulance Service	48	99	137	107	134
Local Bus Service	52	137	115	98	130
Bike Paths	127	184	101	51	67
ATV Use on Public Lands	20	47	85	87	293
Skating Rink	59	106	73	100	194
Community Swimming Pool	59	75	65	85	244
Roller Skate Park	56	107	73	103	192
Large Community Playground	93	116	79	90	150
Picnic Areas at Town Parks	77	195	72	101	92
More Senior Activities	89	151	203	33	59
More Adult Activities	87	133	163	67	76
More Adolescent Activities	109	181	133	55	54
More Children Activities	71	144	132	99	82
Running/Walking Track	100	177	73	72	108
New Community Center	78	149	88	82	131
Expanded Adult Education	51	161	124	92	94
Senior housing	79	137	136	68	110
Owner occupied single family housing	71	118	102	123	115
Owner occupied condominiums	34	111	92	109	180
Rental housing	45	108	77	102	199

What's your position regarding...	GREATLY ENCOURAGE	SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGE	NO OPINION	DO NOT ENCOURAGE	DISCOURAGE
<b>1. ZONING &amp; HOUSING ISSUES</b>					
Agriculture Farms	280	144	77	21	13
Antique Shops	108	196	134	62	35
Auto Dealers	9	14	53	167	290
Auto Repair/Garages	11	94	85	168	171
Banks	38	133	129	131	103
Elder Care	171	207	111	22	23

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<b>1. ZONING &amp; HOUSING ISSUES (continued)</b>					
Adult Entertainment - XXX	19	8	24	47	443
Gasoline Stations	19	77	47	165	231
Home Businesses	108	209	122	56	41
Hotels/Motels	17	89	63	141	232
Junkyards	6	10	22	60	446
Professional Offices	102	248	75	65	41
Restaurants (regular)	181	267	27	33	27
Restaurants (Fast Food)	45	96	32	143	226
Retail – Large National Chains	43	71	28	131	265
Retail - Small	122	242	45	59	64
Small Manufacturing	85	220	53	78	100
Tattoo Parlors	7	12	28	43	448
Owner Occupied Homes	274	131	58	35	33
Rental Housing	53	150	71	127	131
Senior Housing	152	202	88	46	52
<b>2. WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
Water Management Plan	186	159	100	37	34
Communal Septic Systems (in environmentally sensitive areas)	162	151	97	48	65
Plan to Maintain Undeveloped Lands	247	159	59	25	36
Purchase Additional Conservation Land	259	142	49	40	35
Purchase Conservation Easements/Development Rights (to preserve forest and agricultural land)	281	147	43	24	31
Address Regional Air Quality with neighboring Communities	179	205	78	24	37
Increase Participation in Recycling Programs	264	168	52	24	22
Increase Participation in Hazardous Waste Collection	278	188	44	13	9
Educate Adults and Children about Town's Natural Resources	239	188	66	21	15
Establish Scenic Roads Designation	128	158	160	39	48
Bus Stop to Boston at Park & Ride (off Route 121)	215	191	87	18	27
Train to Boston At Plaistow Train Station	299	156	47	14	23
Purchase undeveloped lands around Town Center for future municipal facilities and/or conservation	226	187	47	42	37
Expand Historic District in Town Center	156	162	112	62	47
Historic District in Parts of East & West Hampstead	142	147	132	64	50
Capital Reserve Fund for Purchasing and Preserving Historic Buildings	154	192	72	65	54
Preservation of Historic Stonewalls	212	186	65	39	39

*Thank you!!!*