

Manchester Master Plan Open House

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Station 6- “Where do we go from here?” comments

- Put service expense the tax revenue numbers! Many do not understand the true cost of residential housing.
- Be sure to overlay the watershed district on any of these plans-green infrastructure saves tax dollars!! Not to mention the planet-
- Infrastructure:
 - Water
 - Sewer
 - Roads
 - Sidewalks
 - Maintenance
- A small bus to take people from the housing to downtown to do errands, etc.-eliminate parking and fumes- this would be so nice!
- Don't forget drinking water quality depends on forested watersheds.
- Look at Powder House Hill for housing- condos and townhouses with first floor bedrooms.
- Keep Powder House Hill green!
- We need better signage and a stop sign at the end of Pine Street; don't build a rotary there.
- Transit-oriented development at under-utilized sites: along train corridor, behind Town Hall and Beach St. café area.
- Better routes for walkers and cyclists.
- Pine Street/Central St. intersection fixed.
- Need more commercial interests to bring in revenue. Assisted living would be nice.
- Spending money on corners and making streets one-way= bad idea. Police can patrol more to bring speeds down maybe?
- Speed bumps are effective, economical and low maintenance.
- Call a town meeting and ask for a vote of confidence!
- Much better publicity of proposed changes!
- Adding parking does not serve residents. We do not need more density, parking and spaces.
- Police the budget: personnel and pension costs. School budget is out of control; ranking down-why?
- The dump is a dump; Wayland is first class. We can do better.
- Need more density downtown at two or three-level scale, mixed use development. Need options for young families and empty-nesters.

- Please do not increase traffic flows on Lincoln Street. It's already too congested and it poses a danger for children going to school and school activities. Cars already go too fast.
- Our green space is a treasure and it is vital to drinking water quality! Leave it alone.
- Retain strong town center. Mixed uses. Strong walkability. Vibrant small businesses that serve residents and tourists. Outdoor cafes and cultural opportunities. Think also about climate change resiliency.
- Save what green space we have. Once it's gone, it never returns. Neighboring cities have little of the green space we have in Manchester.
- Do not grow the population:
 - More revenue
 - More expense
 - No net gain.
- Whatever we do:
 - Encourage community.
 - Discourage traffic problems.
 - Get most bang for our buck in terms of revenue.
 - High quality! Easy/affordable to maintain.
- Preserve street trees:
 - Be transparent when street changes (e.g. expanded walk and bike spaces mean removing street trees.
 - Note how many trees would be cut down to make these changes.
- Keeping water and sewer strong; road safety, business strong.
- Sustainability and resiliency planning; stormwater management to protect our harbor and beaches.
- Better support for "in-law" resident options.
- Progressive possibilities on septic systems for people not on town sewer.