

Vision Statement

Our vision for New Boston is that our community will retain its rural character and quality of life.

Our guiding principles:

1. Preserve our history, heritage and culture while managing growth and development carefully.
2. Natural resources are important to maintain the rural character of New Boston.
3. Our town government will strive to provide increasingly efficient services, while maintaining our roads, buildings and facilities. Town Officials will work to keep our taxes low and yield a high return on our tax dollars.
4. Active participation in collaborative efforts by our residents and community based groups to guide development and help protect our resources and heritage.
5. New Boston is a place where our children thrive, older generations can stay and where people of all ages and backgrounds want to live, work and play.

New Boston is the town we will always remember, it is the place where we want to be -
New Boston is OUR community.

Land Use Goal

To guide and promote a pattern and arrangement of commercial, industrial, residential, and agricultural land use consistent with the physical, social, economic, aesthetic, and environmental needs and desires of the citizens of New Boston, and with the requirements of relevant State and Federal laws and regulations.

Land Use Guidelines

1. To encourage, develop and maintain current wildlife corridors.
2. To encourage responsible commercial growth and residential development in the most suitable areas.

Land Use Actions

1. To protect the core features of New Boston's distinctive character such as the village district, the Piscataquog River and agricultural uses.

2. To investigate the creation of additional village districts, to perpetuate New Boston's current small town character.

Small Scale Commercial and Light Industrial Development Goal

To promote limited small scale commercial and light industrial development consistent with the Town's needs and desires and in keeping with the Town's rural character and ability to provide services.

Small Scale Commercial and Light Industrial Development Guidelines

1. To allow for small scale commercial uses and services strategically where appropriate.
2. To encourage home businesses in areas where appropriate and subject to applicable guidelines.

Small Scale Commercial and Light Industrial Development Actions

1. To review the requirements on commercial proposals in order to balance the needs of small scale commercial with adjacent land uses.
2. To evaluate where light industrial uses would fit the characteristics of the town.

Agricultural Protection Goal

To preserve, promote and expand suitable opportunities for diverse agricultural and related operations and activities.

Agricultural Protection Guidelines

1. To ensure that the town continues to support farming and agriculture.

Agricultural Protection Actions

1. To promote awareness through public education of agriculture, conservation, forestry, water conservation, animal husbandry, etc.

Town Center Goal

To provide a mix of mutually supportive uses, both business and residential, that will enhance and perpetuate the Town Center's role as a gathering place, commercial and municipal center, and hub of community activities.

Town Center Guidelines

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1. To preserve the rural, small town character of the Town Center in keeping with its Victorian heritage and other architectural styles.

Town Center Actions

1. To encourage the establishment and maintenance of green spaces, open spaces, and landscaped areas in the Town Center and linkages between them.

Housing Goal

To encourage housing consistent with the small town, rural character of New Boston while offering a range of residential living opportunities.

Housing Guidelines

1. To allow for a range of housing types and choices within the Town's land use regulations.

Transportation Goal

To provide an adequate, scenic, and well-maintained road system that will facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians and both motorized and non-motorized vehicular traffic, and that will ensure access to existing land use as well as support the implementation of the future land use plan.

Transportation Guidelines

1. To maintain and enhance the scenic and rural character of the Town by maintaining gravel surfaced roads, where appropriate.
2. To facilitate an accessible walking, bicycling and recreational trails system throughout the Town.
3. Encourage subdivisions that do not require new roadways but where new roadways are appropriate to ensure connectivity to the existing road network.

Transportation Actions

1. To maintain and support the program and schedule of repairs, maintenance and improvements for the Town's roads and bridges.
2. To complete, update and maintain the Town's inventory, condition survey and cost analysis for all roads. Use this information to create a hierarchy of adequate and well maintained roads that can be used in evaluating the compatibility of subdivisions in the future.

Community Facilities and Town Government Goal

To provide adequate and appropriate community services in the most cost effective, efficient and representative manner possible. In addition, the town government will strive to enhance the quality of life for all residents by improving community facilities and encouraging voluntary participation in the full spectrum of civic and cultural life.

Community Facilities Guidelines

1. To continue to utilize the capital improvements program as an efficient means of prioritizing the Town's expenditures for community facilities, and maximize the communication among those preparing the program and the participation of the community in the preparation process.

Conservation and Natural Resources Goal

To preserve, protect, and enhance the Town's scenic, recreational, open space, forests and natural resources, as well as its environmentally sensitive areas, and where appropriate, to encourage the enjoyment thereof.

Conservation and Natural Resource Guidelines:

1. To encourage the maintenance of large contiguous parcels of forest lands in public and private ownership.

Conservation and Natural Resource Actions:

1. To continue to develop and improve ordinances and regulations that protect New Boston's water resources, agricultural lands and forests for future generations.
2. To maintain a balance between existing natural resources and the community's natural population growth.
3. To update the New Boston Water Resources Management Plan.
4. To encourage buffer zones along lot lines from clear cutting.

Historical and Cultural Preservation Goal

To preserve, protect, and enhance the Town's unique historical buildings, sites, features and cultural heritage.

Historical and Cultural Preservation Guidelines

1. To preserve the historic and agricultural monuments of the Town such as stonewalls, barns, and scenic, unpaved roads.

Earth Products Usage Goal

To identify sand and gravel deposits within the Town and allow for the utilization of said deposits while providing for public safety, the protection of natural resources, the maintenance of aesthetic and visual resources, and the conservation of property values.

Earth Products Usage Actions:

1. To continue to regulate excavations in accordance with the Town's current ordinances and regulations.
2. To include in the permitting process consideration of visual impacts on viewsheds by earth products usage.

Regional Goal

To recognize New Boston's place in the southern New Hampshire region and to consider opportunities for joint planning with neighboring towns.