2020 Town of Nobleboro Comprehensive Plan Update
Community Input Survey

Nobleboro’s Comprehensive Plan Update Committee needs your input and thanks you for your interest in expressing your opinions about our town by completing the following community survey. This survey is the first of several activities that the Update Committee will be undertaking to gather data, information and insights from year-round and seasonal residents. Community surveys are an important part of the process of public input to ensure that as Nobleboro’s Updated Plan is developed it accurately reflects the values and expectations of those living and doing business in Nobleboro.

While participation in the Nobleboro’s Community Input Survey is completely voluntary, your participation is strongly encouraged. Please be assured that your responses will be kept confidential. No personal information will be linked to any of the responses you provide. The survey should take about 25 minutes to complete. No response or opinion regarding a particular question: just skip it (or click OK) and move on to the next question. All adults 18 and older, who live in or are Nobleboro property owners, may answer once. Completed surveys are due by Monday, August 31, 2020. To take the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Community Survey on-line go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NobleboroCompPln

Community members can also fill out a paper copy of the survey and return it to the NobleboroTown Office, 192 US Route One, Nobleboro, ME 04555 by August 31, 2020. Paper surveys are available at the Nobleboro Town Office or you can download a copy at: https://www.nobleboro.maine.gov/

Please e-mail nobleborocompplanupdate@outlook.com or call the Town Office (207-563-8816) if you have questions about, have problems or need assistance in completing the survey.

In appreciation of your time, all community members who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a $50 gift certificate to a local restaurant, your choice. If selected as the winner, you will be contacted via an e-mail message or a telephone call if you are willing to provide your confidential contact information after completing the survey. Your survey input is vital for the development of Nobleboro’s Comprehensive Plan Update and vision for the Town’s future.

1. Are the administrative and customer services provided by the Town office adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here

2. Is access to information about Town affairs, issues, meetings and plans adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here

3. Does the Town’s website provide the information and resources that you need?
   - Yes
   - No – Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here
4. Should the Town enhance public access by utilizing the services of LCTV to broadcast board, committee and community meetings and Web-based programs such as Zoom, Go To Meeting, to promote remote access to public meetings and hearings?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   Add Comment Here

5. Are the facilities and services provided by the Transfer Station (solid waste disposal) adequate?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No– Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

6. Are the Town’s services for Town road maintenance and paving adequate?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No– Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

7. Are the contracted services for snow removal, plowing and sanding on Town roads adequate?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No– Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

8. Are the Town’s services for fire protection adequate?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No– Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

9. Is the level of public safety and law enforcement protection adequate?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No– Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here

10. Are Nobleboro’s contracted animal control services adequate?
    ☐ Yes
    ☐ No– Need Improvement
    Add Comment Here
11. Are contracted ambulance services (emergency medical services) adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

12. Was Nobleboro’s community response to the COVID-19 Pandemic adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Needed and Continues to Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

13. Is the level of general assistance and information about the community resources available (housing, food, heat) provided to Nobleboro residents adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here

14. Are programs, resources and services for residents facing issues such substance use, mental health, disabilities, and food insecurity adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

15. Are Nobleboro’s public school facilities adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

16. Are Nobleboro’s public school’s curriculum, instruction and student services adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

17. Are programs, resources and services for youth and teens adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here
18. Are programs, resources and services for older residents adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

19. Is Nobleboro a community where a resident can continue to live at home late in life as their needs for support and help at home increase (aging in the right place)?
   - Yes
   - No – Changes Needed
   Add Comment Here

20. Should Nobleboro explore being designated as a community where people of all ages and abilities can live as long they’d like (Age Friendly Community, Lifelong Community)?
   - Yes
   - No
   Add Comment Here

21. Where do you typically go for lifelong learning opportunities, internet access, to conduct research (technical, genealogy), to borrow books, find reading materials and community resources? Check all that apply.
   - Library - Damariscotta
   - Library - Waldoboro
   - Community Center
   - Residential Living Facilities for Older Adults
   - Faith Community
   - Nobleboro Central School
   - Nobleboro Historical Society
   - Adult Education Programs
   - Senior College Programs
   - The Internet (on-line learning, research, books)
   - Other - Additional (comment below)

22. Would you utilize a regularly scheduled mode of public transportation if available?
   - Yes
   - No
   Add Comment Here

23. Is broadband, high-speed internet access in Nobleboro adequate?
   - Yes
   - No – Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here
24. Do you have access to fiber optic, high speed internet? If yes, please indicate the name of your provider in the comment field. If no, please indicate the name of your street/road in the comment field.
   □ Yes
   □ No – Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here

25. Are Nobleboro’s recreational facilities and programs adequate?
   □ Yes
   □ No – Need Improvement
   Add Comment Here

26. Is Nobleboro’s boat launch, dock and public shore access at Vannah Road adequate?
   □ Yes
   □ No – Needs Improvement – Changes
   Add Comment Here

27. Is Nobleboro’s State boat launch, dock and public shore access on Pemaquid Pond adequate?
   □ Yes
   □ No – Needs Improvement - Changes
   Add Comment Here

28. Is the recreational and swimming area at Damariscotta Mills Ice House Park adequate?
   □ Yes
   □ No – Needs Improvement - Changes
   Add Comment Here

29. Check all areas that you feel Nobleboro should retain or acquire for public use;
   □ Recreational access to freshwater
   □ Community forests
   □ Scenic areas
   □ Public groundwater sources
   □ Athletic fields
   □ Public green spaces
   □ Bike and walking trails
   □ Other (comment below)
30. Is Nobleboro doing enough to mitigate the forecasted impact of climate change on the town, its residents and resources?
☐ Yes
☐ No – Needs Improvement
Add Comment Here

31. Should the Town encourage the use of and support the infrastructure needed for alternative modes of transportation (electric vehicles, rail, bike)?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Add Comment Here

32. Should the Town encourage the use of alternative energy sources and installations (residential solar, solar farms, wind, geothermal)?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Add Comment Here

33. Should Nobleboro’s municipal buildings utilize alternative energy sources and installations?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Add Comment Here

34. Should the Town study, discuss and develop strategies to address the impact that issues such as climate change, global warming, emerging technologies and modes of transportation might affect the Town’s resources, infrastructure, businesses and residents?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Add Comment Here

35. As recommended in the 2007 Comprehensive plan should the Town continue to maintain its Rural character and open spaces?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Add Comment Here

36. Is Nobleboro’s environmental stewardship and habitat protection adequate?
☐ Yes
☐ No – Needs Improvement
Add Comment Here
37. Check all areas that you feel Nobleboro protects adequately:
- Historic Sites and Centers
- Natural Resources
- Scenic Views
- Undeveloped Shoreline
- Wildlife Habitat
- Groundwater Resources
- Wetlands
- Steep Slopes
- Forested Lands
- Agricultural Lands
- Other (comment below)

38. Should the town designate no-spray pesticide and herbicide zones?
- Yes
- No

39. Think about new residential growth in Nobleboro, specifically the construction of new homes. In your opinion would you say that...
- There is too much new residential development
- The amount of residential development is about right
- There is too little new residential development

40. Should Nobleboro reconsider its minimum lot size of 2 acres in sub-divisions to allow for alternative development options such as cluster housing?
- Yes
- No

41. Would you subdivide your property if the opportunity arose?
- Yes
- No

42. Does Nobleboro have enough housing for older residents?
- Yes
- No – Needs Improvement
43. Does Nobleboro have enough affordable housing?
   - Yes
   - No – Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here

44. Does Nobleboro have enough rental units - apartments, homes, boarding rooms, including units that are handicapped accessible, offering living options for disabled and mobility challenged community members.
   - Yes
   - No – Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here

45. Should Nobleboro regulate short-term, AirBNB rentals?
   - Yes
   - No
   Add Comment Here

46. Nobleboro has designated the following areas for low impact growth: Back Meadow Road and Center Street, US Route One from Winslow Hill to the Waldoboro Town Line and by using side road access along Business US Route One from the Damariscotta Town line north to Winslow Hill Road. Should these growth areas remain the same?
   - Yes
   - No
   Add Comment Here

47. Think about new industrial, commercial and business growth in Nobleboro, including the construction and repurposing of commercial buildings in the Town. In your opinion would you say that...
   - There is too much new industrial, commercial and business development
   - The amount of industrial, commercial and business development is about right
   - There is too little new industrial, commercial and business development
   Add Comment Here

48. Should Nobleboro residents be encouraged to have small businesses in their homes and on their property as long as the business meets town standards related to land use, traffic safety, environmental and neighborhood impact?
   - Yes
   - No
   Add Comment Here
49. As recommended in the 2007 Comprehensive Plan should the Town designate a historic district to include Damariscotta Mills, including the land bordering the Great Salt Bay and following Borland Hill Road to the fish ladder?
   □ Yes
   □ No
   Add Comment Here

50. Should the Town repair, maintain and upgrade the sidewalks in Damariscotta Mills?
   □ Yes
   □ No
   Add Comment Here

51. Is Nobleboro’s code enforcement adequate?
   □ Yes
   □ No– Needs Improvement
   Add Comment Here

52. Check all areas where you believe Nobleboro should have ordinances to regulate:
   □ Standards for environmental protection
   □ Standards for unregulated waste disposal
   □ Standards for stump dumps, salvage yards and automotive recycling
   □ Standards for land use
   □ Standards for mini homes - houses
   □ Standards for pesticide and herbicide use
   □ Standards for commercial signage and lighting
   □ Standards that maintain dark skies at night.
   □ Standards related to changing weather conditions (climate change), sea level rise
   □ Standards for noise pollution
   □ Other (comment below)

53. Should Nobleboro consider “opting in”, thereby permitting and regulating activities in regard to legalized marijuana in any of the following categories?
   a. Commercial Agriculture: □ Yes □ No
   b. Medical Purposes: □ Yes □ No
   c. Recreational Use: □ Yes □ No
   d. Retail Sales: □ Yes □ No
   e. Social Clubs: □ Yes □ No
   Add Comment Here
54. What do you like best about living in Nobleboro?


55. What do you like least about living in Nobleboro?


56. What do you believe is the greatest advantage to living in Nobleboro?


57. What do you believe is the greatest disadvantage to living in Nobleboro?


58. What do you consider will be the most important issue or problem facing the Town of Nobleboro in the next year? In the next five years? (If needed attach an additional page)


59. Vision – Please share your vision for the Town of Nobleboro. What would you like our, your Community to look like in 2025, 2030 and beyond. (If needed attach an additional page)


60. Are there any additional thoughts and observations that you would like to share with the Nobleboro Comprehensive Plan Update Committee? (If needed attach an additional page)
61. Year Round Residents - How long have you lived in Nobleboro?
☐ 0-4 years
☐ 5-10 years
☐ 11-30 years
☐ 31-100 plus years

62. Seasonal Residents - How long have you summered - wintered in Nobleboro?
☐ 0-4 years
☐ 5-10 years
☐ 11-30 years
☐ 31-100 plus years

63. In which area of Nobleboro do you reside?
☐ Damariscotta Mills
☐ Nobleboro Center
☐ North Nobleboro
☐ Other (comment below)

64. What is your relationship to Nobleboro? (Check all that apply)
☐ Own and live in your Nobleboro house, condominium, or cottage.
☐ Own land in Nobleboro in addition to your primary homesite?
☐ Rent or lease a year-round home, condo, apartment, cottage or room in Nobleboro.
☐ Rent or lease a seasonal home, condo, apartment, cottage or room in Nobleboro.
☐ Own rental property in Nobleboro.
☐ Land only owner, plan to build a home on my land.
☐ Land only owner, investor, planning to sell or develop my property.
☐ Other (comment below)

65. Where is your place of employment?
☐ Nobleboro, non-internet dependent
☐ Nobleboro, internet dependent
☐ Damariscotta Service Area
☐ Lincoln County
☐ Another Maine Location: ____________________________
☐ Out of State/County: ______________________________
☐ Telecommute from Home
☐ Other (comment below)

65. What is your employment status? (check all that apply)
☐ Employed, Full-Time
☐ Employed, Part-time
☐ Self-employed
☐ Unemployed
☐ Retired
☐ Volunteer
☐ Student
☐ Other (comment below)
66. Do you consider yourself an unpaid family caregiver? If yes, check all that apply
☐ Grandparent caring for a grandchild.
☐ Adult child caring for a parent.
☐ Spouse - partner caring for a spouse - partner.
☐ Family member caring for a relative.
☐ Community member caring for a friend or neighbor.
☐ Other (comment below)

Thank you for your time and assistance in completing Nobleboro’s 2020 Community Member Opinion Survey. Your input is important as the Town moves forward with updating its current Comprehensive Plan which was approved by voters and certified by the State of Maine as being compliant in 2007. The State of Maine mandates that Town’s update their Comprehensive Plans every ten years. Should you have questions concerning the Comprehensive Plan Update process or wish to be more involved in drafted the Town’s updated plan, please feel free to contact the members of Nobleboro’s Comprehensive Plan update committee:

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