

Town of Sunapee  
Master Plan Survey  
Final Results

**Total Responses = 629      20.6% of Total**

**Unless otherwise noted, percentages are based on total of those who answered question**

1. Which of the following best describes your residency:

<b>342</b>	<b>54.6%</b>	Permanent Resident
<b>222</b>	<b>35.5%</b>	Seasonal/Part-Time Resident
<b>57</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	Non-Resident Property Owner
<b>5</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	Other

2. Refer to the map on the back side of this page and indicate which part of Sunapee you live in.

<b>86</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	Sunapee Village
<b>57</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	Georges Mills Village
<b>268</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	Shorefront Areas
<b>214</b>	<b>34.2%</b>	Remainder of Sunapee

3. How many years have you owned land or lived in Sunapee?

<b>9</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	Less than a year
<b>105</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	More than 1 year and less than 5 years
<b>144</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	More than 5 years and less than 15 years
<b>138</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	More than 15 years and less than 30 years
<b>233</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	More than 30 years

4. What age range best describes the head(s) of household?

<b>12</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	35 & Under
<b>270</b>	<b>44.0%</b>	36 to 59
<b>332</b>	<b>54.1%</b>	60+

5. What do you like most about the Town of Sunapee? Please put an "X" next to your top **three** choices.

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<b>390</b>	<b>62.0%</b>	Small town atmosphere
<b>261</b>	<b>41.5%</b>	Uncrowded living conditions
<b>329</b>	<b>52.3%</b>	Peace & quiet
<b>255</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	Outdoor recreation activities
<b>73</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	School system
<b>82</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	Low taxes
<b>274</b>	<b>43.6%</b>	Unpolluted Natural Environment

\*\*\*      **Percentages for question #5 are based on the number of selections for each individual response divided by the total number of returns (i.e. 390/629; 261/629, etc...)**

6. The year-round population of Sunapee increased from 2559 in 1990 to an estimated 3229 in 2005. This population increase of 670 persons equates to an average growth rate of 1.74% per year. In the next 15 years, would you prefer to see the population growth rate of Sunapee:

<b>221</b>	<b>36.8%</b>	Be slower
<b>365</b>	<b>60.8%</b>	Stay the same
<b>14</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	Be faster.

7. Please check the following responses that best describe your attitude toward the following:

<u>Planning Issues</u>	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Strongly Against</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Preservation of Historic Buildings	<b>253</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>57</b>
Light Pollution Ordinances	<b>213</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>60</b>
Noise Pollution Ordinances	<b>289</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>36</b>
Ridgeline Ordinances	<b>189</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>165</b>

Commercial Uses

Heavy Industry	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>28</b>
Light Industry	<b>49</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>
Retail/Grocery Stores	<b>109</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>
Shopping Centers	<b>32</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>28</b>
Professional Offices	<b>82</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>49</b>
Motels	<b>19</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>37</b>
Restaurants	<b>163</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
Home Businesses	<b>129</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>84</b>
Strip Commercial Development	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>33</b>

Residential Uses

Single Family Homes	<b>370</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>
Duplexes	<b>49</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>
Multi-Family Housing (3+)	<b>26</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>47</b>
Mobile Homes	<b>11</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>47</b>
Mobile Home Parks	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>31</b>

8. The current Zoning Ordinance in Sunapee regulates all development and construction within 300' of all lakes and ponds. Do you favor expanding the Shoreline Overlay District to include major rivers and streams that flow into these lakes and ponds?

<b>413</b>	<b>69.1%</b>	Yes
<b>117</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	No
<b>68</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	No Opinion

9. The following questions relate to the Harbor area of Sunapee which for the purposes of this survey is defined as the area surrounding Sunapee Harbor and running westerly along Main and Central Streets to Route 11:

- A. Select any of the following that you would approve of spending public funds to improve

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<b>237</b>	<b>37.7%</b>	Traffic Circulation
<b>266</b>	<b>42.3%</b>	New Parking Areas
<b>286</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	Old Town Hall
<b>208</b>	<b>33.1%</b>	Re-opening of Beech Street

- B. What would you propose be done with the Old Town Hall building?

<b>240</b>	<b>47.9%</b>	Retain Town ownership
<b>193</b>	<b>38.5%</b>	Sell the property to private interests
<b>68</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	Tear it down

- C. If the Town retains ownership of the Old Town Hall Building, what would you like to see it used for?

<b>55</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	Town Office Space
<b>164</b>	<b>51.9%</b>	Community Building
<b>79</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	Historical Society
<b>18</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	Auditorium

- D. If the Old Town Hall is sold to private interests, what would you like to see it used for?

<b>22</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	Apartments/Condos
<b>126</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	Small Business
<b>293</b>	<b>66.4%</b>	Part of Sunapee Harbor-Riverway efforts

\*\*\* Percentages for question #9A are based on the number of selections for each individual response divided by the total number of returns (i.e. 237/629; 266/629, etc...)

- 10 A. Sunapee's current Zoning Ordinance establishes minimum lot sizes for each Zoning District as shown in the table below. Indicate how you would favor changing the minimum lot size for each district:

		Increase	Decrease	Maintain
Village District	(0.5 Acre)	<b>73</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>447</b>
Mixed-Use District	(0.5 Acre)	<b>98</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>425</b>
Residential District	(1.0 Acre)	<b>101</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>418</b>
Rural-Residential District	(1.5 Acres)	<b>116</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>407</b>
Rural Lands District	(3.0 Acres)	<b>87</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>428</b>

- B. Sunapee's current Zoning Ordinance establishes maximum residential densities (i.e. a certain amount of land area for each dwelling unit) for each Zoning District as shown in the table below. Indicate how you would favor changing the maximum residential density for each district:

		Increase	Decrease	Maintain
Village District	(1 unit/10,000 square feet)	<b>67</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>414</b>
Mixed-Use District	(1 unit/0.5 Acre)	<b>83</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>408</b>
Residential District	(1 unit/1.0 Acre)	<b>82</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>401</b>
Rural-Residential	(1 unit/1.5 Acres)	<b>90</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>390</b>
Rural Lands District	(1 unit/3.0 Acres)	<b>74</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>399</b>

11. Should the Town of Sunapee develop policies to attract the following types of uses: Please **circle** your choices.

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
a. Industrial Uses	<b>59</b>	<b>485</b>
b. Manufacturing Uses	<b>121</b>	<b>426</b>
c. High Tech Industries	<b>330</b>	<b>239</b>
d. Commercial Uses	<b>270</b>	<b>264</b>
e. Retail Uses	<b>415</b>	<b>146</b>

12. How do you rate the importance of the following issues in the Town of Sunapee:

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
a. Transportation for Seniors	<b>142</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>110</b>
b. Housing for Seniors	<b>134</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>124</b>
c. Affordable Housing	<b>155</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>158</b>

13. Would you or your family use the following recreational items if made available by the Town of Sunapee or a private entity? (You may make up to five selections)

<b>484</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	Hiking Trails
<b>86</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	Skateboard Park
<b>228</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	Sledding Park
<b>368</b>	<b>58.5%</b>	Cross-Country Skiing
<b>240</b>	<b>38.2%</b>	Tennis Courts

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