

CHICHESTER



A 20/20 VISION

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"Growth is inevitable and desirable, but destruction of community character is not."

The question is not whether your part of the world is going to change.

The question is how."

-Edward T. McMahon

A Big Thank You!!

Everyone deserves a big thank you for your participation in the Master Plan Kick-Off meeting held on October 17th. It was very exciting to see so many "townies" interested in what Chichester will look like in the future. There was a great blend of residents, new and settled. With over 40 residents in attendance you blew away our expectations.

Master Plan Steering Committee

A meeting will be held on **Monday, November 3rd**, for all those interested in being on the Master Plan Steering Committee. This committee will drive the planning of the future steps involved in developing Chichester's Vision. If you, or someone you know may be interested in being part of this committee, please come out and join us.

What is a Master Plan? Looking out for our future.



In the simplest terms, a master plan is a planning document that serves to guide the overall character, physical form, growth, and development of a community. It describes how, why, where, and when to build or rebuild a town. It provides guidance to local officials when they are making decisions on budgets, ordinances, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision matters, and other growth related issues.

A master plan also provides an opportunity for community leaders to look ahead, establish new visions and directions, set goals, and map out plans for the future. Properly done, a master plan should describe where, how, and at what pace a community desires to develop physically, economically, and socially. In short, a master plan functions much like a roadmap or a blueprint; it is a guide to the future.

Community Visioning.

"Nothing happens unless first a dream." ~Carl Sandburg

The primary purpose of a visioning process should be to develop a set of vision statements, community goals, and objectives that best articulate the desires of the citizens about the future of the community. They offer the guiding principles and priorities upon which the master plan is based. A well-planned and organized visioning process will ensure that your master plan is understood and accepted by the community.

"The future is not completely beyond our control. It is the work of our own hands."

~Robert F Kennedy

"If you don't know where you're going, you might end up someplace else."

~Yogi Berra

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Workforce Housing. What is it? How does it affect us?

Senate Bill 342, amends the planning and zoning statutes of the state by including the Court's holding from *Britton v. Town of Chester*, that all municipalities must provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing, including rental and multi-family housing.

There are two (2) types of "workforce" housing:

1. Affordable housing intended for "sale"
Income =< median 4-person household (\$70,000/yr)
2. Affordable Housing intended for "rent"
Income =< median 3-person household (\$57,000/yr)

"Affordable" means housing with combined rental and utility costs or combined mortgage loan debt services, property taxes, and required insurance that do not exceed 30 percent of a household's gross annual income.

Affordable Housing Limits (As published by the US Dept. of HUD, FY2008)

Owned Home	\$21,000/year
Rented	\$11,340/year

All citizens of the state benefit from a balanced supply of housing which is affordable to persons and families of low and moderate income. Establishment of housing which is decent, safe, sanitary and affordable is in the best interest of the community and the state of New Hampshire, and serves a vital public need.

Looking forward to seeing you and your neighbors on:

Monday, November 3rd

This event is facilitated by

UNH Cooperative Extension

in coordination with the

Town of Chichester

*"If you are planning for a year, sow rice;
If you are planning for a decade, plant trees;
If you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."
~Chinese proverb*