

# **APPENDIX A**

## Appendix A

### Master Plan Survey with Tallied Results

1. What qualities of Warner are most important to you?  
Rank in order: 1, most important; 8, least important (Actual # of respondents)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Location	25.3% (60)	21.1% (50)	12.7% (30)	13.9% (33)	7.6% (18)	4.2% (10)	1.7% (4)	13.5% (32)
Natural environment	33.2 (84)	20.9 (53)	18.6 (47)	6.7 (17)	6.3 (16)	.4 (1)	.8 (2)	13.0 (33)
Community Spirit	7.7 (19)	13.3 (33)	15.3 (38)	19.4 (48)	19.0 (47)	4.0 (10)	3.6 (9)	17.7 (44)
"Live & let live" attitude	10.5 (21)	8.0 (16)	13.5 (27)	10.0 (20)	11.5 (23)	13.5 (27)	9.0 (18)	23.5 (47)
Family ties	10.4 (21)	5.9 (12)	4.0 (8)	6.4 (13)	5.9 (12)	9.4 (19)	19.3 (39)	38.6 (78)
Character of town	23.5 (52)	21.7 (48)	16.7 (37)	14.0 (31)	6.9 (14)	3.6 (8)	1.8 (4)	13.4 (27)
Schools	5.8 (12)	6.3 (13)	5.8 (12)	6.3 (13)	7.7 (16)	17.8 (37)	16.3 (34)	34.1 (71)

2. Certain services are important or essential to the community. How would you rate the adequacy at present, of the following?

Service	Good	Fair	Poor	Undecided
Police Protection	61.1% (157)	19.1% (49)	3.5% (9)	16.3% (42)
Fire Protection	78.6 (187)	8.8 (21)	1.7 (4)	10.9 (26)
Medical/Health Services	20.8 (45)	26.4 (57)	30.6 (66)	22.2 (48)
Emerg. Med. Services	49.1 (105)	17.3 (37)	7.5 (16)	26.2 (56)
Schools				
<i>Grades 1-5</i>	38.2 (73)	17.8 (34)	4.7 (9)	39.3 (75)
<i>Middle School</i>	22.9 (46)	22.9 (46)	13.4 (27)	40.8 (82)
<i>High School</i>	23.1 (42)	20.3 (37)	13.2 (24)	43.4 (79)
<i>Vocational Ed.</i>	9.1 (18)	14.7 (29)	18.8 (37)	57.4 (113)
<i>Adult Continuing Ed.</i>	7.1 (12)	10.7 (18)	24.9 (42)	57.4 (97)

Service	Good	Fair	Poor	Undecided
Recreation				
<i>Youth</i>	47.0% (95)	18.3% (37)	7.9% (16)	26.7% (54)
<i>Adult</i>	22.1 (40)	29.8 (54)	15.5 (28)	32.6 (59)
<i>Town Beach</i>	47.8 (97)	23.1 (47)	5.9 (12)	23.1 (47)
<i>Sports Facilities</i>	39.9 (75)	27.3 (54)	8.1 (16)	26.1 (53)
<i>Trails</i>	51.5 (100)	22.2 (43)	5.7 (11)	20.6 (40)
Road Maintenance	74.1 (172)	18.5 (43)	4.3 (10)	3.1 (7)
Snow Removal	81.2 (194)	11.5 (127)	2.9 (7)	4.6 (11)
Transfer Station/Recycle	88.2 (201)	4.8 (11)	1.3 (3)	5.7 (13)
Town Forest Mgt.	46.3 (99)	15.0 (32)	1.9 (4)	36.9 (79)
Bldg. Code Enforcement.	29.8 (61)	23.4 (48)	15.4 (31)	31.7 (65)
Town Water (Precinct)	33.7 (61)	10.5 (19)	5.5 (10)	50.3 (91)
Sewer (Precinct)	32.0 (55)	8.1 (14)	5.8 (10)	54.1 (93)
Town Administration	56.3 (121)	26.0 (56)	7.9 (17)	9.8 (21)

3. Which of the above services do you feel need the most improvement?

- Police protection (27)
- Schools (25)
- Town Administration (17)

4. Below are some public projects that have been suggested by members of the community. How do you feel about the importance of each?

Project	Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Police Station	49% (118)	37% (89)	15% (34)
Public Kindergarten	55.7 (131)	25 (59)	19 (45)
Recreational Facilities	53.9 (124)	24.3 (56)	21.8 (58)
Youth Recreational Facilities	59.3 (137)	18.6 (43)	22.1 (51)
Public Lake and River Access	60.2 (130)	26.4 (57)	13.4 (29)
Protection of Natural Environment	82.9 (199)	7.9 (18)	9.6 (23)
Return of Bagley Covered Bridge	29.1 (68)	45.3 (106)	25.6 (60)
Revitalization of Main Street	55.6 (129)	3 (72)	13.4 (31)

5. Are there other specific projects you feel should be considered? Please specify.

New Roads  
Main Street

Recreation  
Community Building

**BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS IN WARNER**

1. Should the town encourage commercial / industrial growth?

Yes = 68% (168)      No = 32% (79)

2. Assuming some additional commercial / industrial development will occur in Warner in the future, which of the following would you prefer to be permitted? (Check all that apply)

Prof. business offices	67% (174)	High Tech Industry	53% (137)
Medical Offices	70 (183)	Light Industry	50 (131)
Banks	37 (97)	Movie/Theater	31 (80)
Personal Services	51 (133)	Convention Center	12 (32)
Restaurants	52 (134)	Auto gas/Service Repair	27 (71)
Home Occupations	55 (142)	Car Wash	32 (82)
Inns, B&Bs, Motels	54 (140)	Day Care	40 (105)
Retail Sales	48 (126)	Heavy Industry	9 (22)

3. In reviewing development proposals, how would you rate the importance of the following criteria ? Rate: 1 (very important), 2, 3 (not important)

Criteria	1	2	3
Jobs	55% (124)	29% (66)	15% (34)
Tax Base	71 (163)	22 (50)	8 (18)
Noise	64 (158)	24 (60)	12 (30)
Traffic	66 (157)	25 (60)	9 (22)
Location	68 (153)	26 (58)	6 (13)
Business Size	46 (100)	38 (82)	17 (36)
Safety	68 (154)	25 (56)	7 (16)
Aesthetics	68% (151)	22% (50)	10% (22)
Environmental Impact	77 (185)	18 (42)	5 (13)
Impact on Town Services	66 (131)	25 (50)	10 (19)
Property Values	70 (149)	21 (45)	9 (19)
Outside Lighting	37 (75)	31 (64)	(65)

4. In planning for locations for future commercial development what areas should be considered?

AREA	
Exit 7 (Davisville)	73% (189)
Exit 9	66 (171)
North Road	20 (53)
Route 114	22 (58)
All of Route 103	13 (35)
Route 103 From:	
Exit 9 to Bradford	31 (81)
Exit 9 to Village	17 (44)
Village to Exit 7	17 (44)
Exit 7 to Contoocook	41 (106)

5. Would you favor expansion of zoned commercial / industrial districts beyond existing districts (Downtown & Exits 7 & 9)?

Yes = 40% (92)      No= 60% (139)

6. Would you prefer to develop industry in a specific concentrated area (industrial park)?

Yes = 74% (177)      No = 26% (61)

7. Should large developments pay road and utility improvement costs?

Yes = 98% (243)      No= 2% (5)

7. Should forestry and agriculture be considered an important part of the town's economy?

Yes = 84% (209)      No = 16% (39)

8. What businesses can you envision to help revitalize the village center?

Pharmacy (27)	Medical/Dental (16)	Bakery (12)
Cafe/Coffee (19)	Restaurants (15)	Local artisans outlet/supplies (11)

10. To revitalize Main Street, should the Town provide incentives to new businesses?

Yes = 52% (104)      No= 48% (97)

11. The Warner Planning Board has the power to require that special studies and analyses be prepared to determine the impact of new development. The studies could include school impact analysis, traffic impact analysis, and environmental assessments. The applicant or developer is required to pay for studies, which typically cost \$500 to \$5,000. Are you in favor of the Planning Board continuing to require such studies for major developments?

Yes = 89% (186)      No = 11% (23)

## HOME BUSINESSES

The Warner Zoning Ordinance currently defines "Home Occupation" as "the use of a dwelling for a home occupation not involving the on-lot, full-time employment of persons not dwelling in the home provided, however, that such use shall be an accessory use to the principal use of the dwelling as a residence."

1. Do you want to make "Home Occupations"

More restrictive?	7% (16)
Less restrictive?	24% (53)
Left the way they are?	70% (156)

2. Should any of the following criteria be considered in permitting a "Home Occupation"? Rate: 1 (very important), 2, 3 (not important)

CRITERIA	1	2	3
Noise	85% (209)	12% (30)	3% (7)
Safety	74 (177)	19 (46)	6 (15)
Hours	54 (128)	37 (87)	9 (21)
Traffic	72 (176)	20 (48)	8 (19)
Signs	51 (117)	34 (77)	15 (35)
Odor	79 (170)	16 (35)	5 (10)
Environment	77 (187)	16 (40)	66 (16)
Outside Lighting	47 (101)	39 (84)	14 (30)
Neighborhood Impact	85 (202)	14 (33)	2 (4)

## HOUSING

1. What, if any, do you believe are some of the specific housing needs in Warner?  
Rate: 1 (very important), 2, or 3 (not important)

Housing Type	1	2	3
Over 65	50% (81)	30% (49)	20% (33)
Incomes under \$20,000	38 (63)	29 (48)	33 (54)
Rental	32 (52)	36 (60)	32 (53)
Condominiums	12 (17)	22 (33)	66 (97)

2. Do you favor encouraging residential development in and around the village where water and sewer are available, instead of in outlying areas?

Yes = 56% (122)      No = 44% (96)

3. Currently, Manufactured Housing is allowed in any zone where residential housing is permitted. (Manufactured Housing is any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 feet or more in width and 40 feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling unit with or without a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities.). Are you in favor of continuing this policy?

Yes = 51% (118)      No = 49% (115)

4. If no, would you support limiting manufactured housing to specific areas?

Yes = 74% (122)      No = 26% (42)

## **PARKING**

1. Do you think there is a need for additional parking in town (except during special events, such as Foliage Festival, Town Meeting, etc.)?

Yes = 32% (76)      No = 68% (161)

2. Is lack of parking limiting business?

Yes = 26% (56)      No = 74% (158)

3. Does available off street parking need to be better identified?

Yes = 68% (153)      No = 32% (72)

4. Is there a need for additional handicapped parking?

Yes = 21% (36)      No = 79% (136)

If so, where? Town Hall/Main Street

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**

### **Rivers and Streams**

1. Do you favor developing public access to the Warner River for boating, fishing or swimming?

Yes = 70% (167)      No = 30% (70)

2. Natural vegetative buffers along the banks of the Warner river and other tributary streams in Town provide important habitats for wildlife, and protect water quality. Currently, the Town's zoning ordinance restricts construction and cutting of existing natural vegetation within 75 feet of year round streams. Should the Town continue to implement this ordinance?

Yes = 89% (214)      No = 11% (27)

### **Wetlands and other Natural Areas**

1. In general, State and Federal wetland regulations stop at the water's edge or fail to preserve sufficient buffer zones necessary to protect natural habitats. Would you be in favor of stricter enforcement of town ordinances, such as no-cut, no-build buffer zones around wetlands to protect habitats and natural landscape features?

Yes = 72% (176)      No = 28% (67)

2. Do you feel that **zoning** should be used to protect and preserve the natural landscape features, varied wildlife habitats, and diversity of plants and animals?

Yes = 75% (181)      No = 25% (59)

3. Are you in favor of having the Warner Conservation Commission, residents, and appropriate agencies, identify adjoining habitat zones, including wetlands, and work toward their preservation?

Yes = 80% (194)      No = 20% (49)

4. Are you in favor of increasing the town conservation fund to purchase land and conservation easements to preserve woodlands, wetlands, and natural landscape features in Warner?

Yes = 71% (169)      No = 29% (69)

5. Are you in favor of protecting natural landscape features and habitats by limiting negative impacts of recreation as well as those of development?

Yes = 74% (176)      No = 26% (63)

6. At present, approximately 18% of the land area in Warner is considered to have some form of conservation protection, such as the Chandler Reservation and the Harriman Forest. Do you feel that this percentage should be:

The same (96)	25% (95)	
50% (21)	75% (11)	Other (0)

7. Should the Town control the use of flood-prone areas?

Yes = 77% (171) No = 23% (51)

### **Forests and Farms**

The Town's farms and forests represent valuable, renewable, economic resources which also provide recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, aesthetic enjoyment, and contribute to the Town's rural character.

1. Should the Town actively encourage good forest management practices?

Yes = 95% (235) No = 5% (12)

2. Some towns in New Hampshire have enacted forest / mountain districts (50 acre minimum lots) in their zoning for the more remote parts of their communities to encourage the land to be retained in timber production.

Would you support developing such a proposed zoning district, say in the Mink Hills and other appropriate areas in town?

Yes = 67% (158) No = 33% (78)

3. Farming was once the predominant land use in Warner. Do you support continuing current use assessment for agricultural uses as one way of retaining active farming operations in town?

Yes = 88% (218) No = 12% (29)

4. Do you support the acquisition of easements or development rights on important farmlands and forests as a way of preserving these open areas in agricultural use?

Yes = 68% (172) No = 32% (80)

5. Would you support the use of income from current use change penalties to fund the purchase of conservation easements or development rights?

Yes = 70% (160) No = 30% (69)

### **ROADS AND BRIDGES**

Designation of a scenic road restricts the cutting of trees or removal of stone walls within a specific distance from the roadway without a hearing. Cutting of trees and removal of stone walls near a scenic road would require approval by the Planning Board or other municipal body designated by the Town Meeting.

1. Should the Town designate "Scenic Roads"?

Yes = 63% (153) No = 37% (88)

If yes, what roads should be designated?

Kearsarge Mountain Road (25)  
Pumpkin Hill Road (18)  
Burnt Hill Road (12)

2. Would you support a study committee to look at the Town's needs for new roads, bridges, intersections, and connector roads as part of the Master Plan update?

Yes = 73% (171) No = 27% (64)

What projects would you suggest?

3. What concerns do you have about roads and bridges?

### HISTORICAL AND VISUAL CHARACTER

1. Would you be in favor of protection for historic districts or structures?

Yes = 86% (196) No = 14% (33)

If so, which ones? Main Street/Village

2. Would you support regulations to maintain the natural landscape integrity of ridge lines and hill tops?

Yes = 76% (178) No = 24% (56)

3. Would you support regulations governing location and height of communications towers in town?

Yes = 79% (186) No = 21% (49)

### PERSONAL PROFILE

1. How many are employed in your household?

0	1	2	3	4+
6	67	113	19	4

2. Where do you (they) work?

Warner	(101)	Lebanon area	(13)
New London	(20)	Manchester area	(34)
Concord	(92)	Out of NH, Where?	(45)
Hopkinton/Contoocook	(8)	Bradford	(3)

3. Are you self employed? Yes = 36% (82) No = 64% (147)

4. Do you work from home? Yes = 33% (72) No = 67% (148)

5. Members of your household by age group?

under 5	5 - 19	20 - 60	over 60
(22)	(106)	(329)	(123)

6. Do you own your home (233) or rent (8) ?

7. How long have you lived in Warner or been affiliated with Warner?

1-5 years	6-10 yrs	11-15 yrs	16-20 yrs	21-25 yrs	26-30 yrs	31-60 yrs	60+ yrs
35	47	28	48	21	47	50	10

8. What are your greatest concerns for the future of Warner?

- Maintain present small town character (42)
- Future growth to be well planned, thought out, and controlled (41)
- Future growth will be out of control (36)
- Taxes - losing control of property tax (24)
- Loss of natural environment (22)
- Overcommercialization of village (14)
- Preservation of wild lands (11)

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