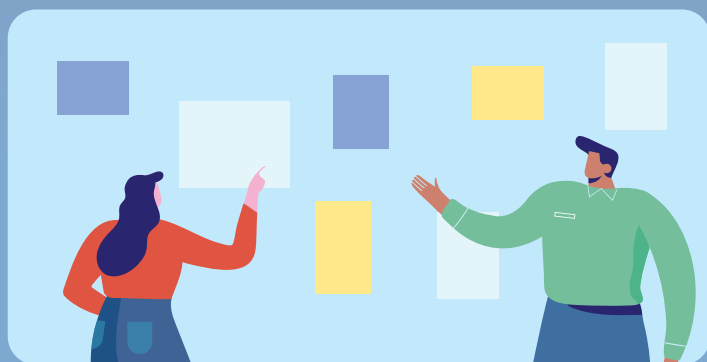




Possible Dreams

2020



COMMUNITY VISIONING EVENT

Possible Dreams 2020 - Summary Report

team HAVERHILL



A full Possible Dreams 2020 - Summary Report, including a description of each round of conversation, a complete transcription of all comments, responses, tabletops and group reports, is available at:

<https://bit.ly/PD2020Report>

Possible Dreams 2020 took place on Monday, March 9th at Northern Essex Community College. There were approximately 86 attendees participating in three rounds of lively, upbeat conversation.

The lively, upbeat conversation produced some incredible and inspiring ideas along with quite a few community members that stepped forward to champion specific "possible dreams".

The energy of our community in the room at Possible Dreams is remarkable. This summary is provided in hopes of keeping that momentum going!

Video of the full event was broadcasted and recorded by HC Media and is available here:

<https://bit.ly/PD2020Video>





SUMMARY

Participants strongly affirmed a key Master Plan finding:

"The community overwhelmingly appreciates the balance of town and country that Haverhill provides, and their priority for the future growth is to maintain the balance." - Vision Haverhill 2035.

This affirmation was evidenced by such attendee comments as:

"It's part of what makes Haverhill special. We have it all - urban core, rural and working farms in one city."

"Key to Haverhill's success over the long run."

"This is what makes Haverhill unique, it is critical to the character of our city."

Within that balance, the conversation revealed a desire for:

- Thoughtful strategies for development in the higher density areas—including affordable housing, viable businesses, upgraded internet service, clean and attractive streetscape, and eco-friendly construction.
- Firm commitment to prevent sprawl, preserve our open landscapes, support our farm community, and develop open space recreational opportunities that all residents can enjoy.
- Strong community-building activity in and across neighborhoods—including events and venues that bring people together, a flourishing arts community, and well-supported public schools in every neighborhood.
- Greater attention to the needs of older youth and young adults—including recreational options, educational offerings, mental health assistance, and support for civic engagement.





Leadership and energy for taking next steps included the following:

A Community Preservation Act

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