

TAMWORTH PLANNING BOARD

Minutes

August 12, 2026

5:30 P.M.

1). Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Elsa Weintraub. Present are: Lianne Prentice – Selectboard Rep., Elsa Weintraub, Larry Nickerson, Ann Pollard, Andy Fisher, Nick Grant-Alternate, Anna Paddock.

Danielle Scadova-Vose from LRPC is present on Zoom.

Matt Dunn is absent.

2). Master Plan Discussion – Discussion was held, covering the draft survey questions. The first three questions are general demographic. #2 age is not optional, but we can put in an item there that allows them to not answer, by “prefer not to answer”.

Correction - #1 please select “all” that apply. Put a statement in the introduction regarding needing to be a property owner or resident of Tamworth. Get rid of the Tamworth Employer line.? Leave it like it is – but make it say property rather than home. Capitalize the “ALL” in all that apply and make it a separate line.

#3 – Nick suggests limiting the amount of answers on this question. Danielle explained her reasoning for leaving all the options open. Ann spoke about the places that “school” shows up in the survey. Lianne explained that the school is not under our purview. Nick suggests that we move the land use chapter to later in the survey.

#4 - Ann is concerned about the stronger regulation – and to help guide future development. Tamworth has very limited land use regulations. Do you feel that Tamworth’s existing land use regulations are sufficient to guide future development in town? Danielle can add a statement regarding the fact that the Master Plan is a guiding document and does not change the existing regulation.

#5 – Ann spoke about adding something regarding loud activities, earth excavation. Lianne recommends taking drive-thru out. Examples of heavy manufacturing will be added. Change to just manufacturing? ICE detention facility? Take out lumber yard. Change orientated to oriented, and make it strip cub or adult entertainment. Add distribution center. Add earth excavation. Corrections facility, prison, detention center. Wind farm? Make is say Please select ALL that apply and make that it’s own line.

#6-7 – on #7- Make it say “if so, where?”

Housing

#9 Take out one of the housing types and add mobile home park or manufactured housing communities. Danielle has changed to manufactured homes. She has currently not removed anything. Change garden style to apartment housing. Ann feels that the ADU photo is not representative of what we would see in the Northeast.

#10 – remove mitigate behavioral risks? Remove public health with septic approvals. Add in something about address public nuisance. Danielle explained her thought processes with the options that are listed. Ann recommends moving the public nuisance to the top, change stock to location, monitor impacts on long term housing market. Change to a yes/no question about would you support short term rentals? Then add a box for if yes, why or how?

#11 – switch encouraging to considering.

Facilities and Services –

#12 – skip, this is a duplicate.

#13 – good as is

#14 – good as is

#15 – change to select up to 3? Change the perspective to more of a prioritization if you are in a tight year. Which services would you prioritize in a tight year. Larry mentions adding a line to each to rank the choices in order of importance. The Board settles on choosing 3 answers.

Traffic/Transportation

#16 – good as is

#17 – Non-emergency medical trips and door to door services are the only services in Tamworth at this time. Reword to What kind of transportation services would you like to see, then list the choices? Or

Daniells can go back to Glenn for his feedback. The rest of question 17 to be removed, and 17G to move to #18.

#18 – Move 17G down to 18.

#19 – Looking ahead, what would be the highest transportation or traffic priorities.

Economic Development

#20 – fine as is. Or add apartment rentals?

#21 – add sewer and water infrastructure. Also add a line for other. Add work force housing.

#22 – Add sewer and water issues here as well as in #21. Should there be a none? Or all of the above.

#23 – good as is

Recreation

#24 –

#25 – add select 3

#26 – add select 3

#28 – what recreation programming would you like to see in Tamworth?

#29 – changed to additional comments on the Master Plan Chapter updates.

Next steps: Danielle will make the revisions. We need to figure out distribution of this.

Two libraries (Tamworth and Chocorua) and the Town Office should be the locations for the paper surveys.

A work session is needed to divide the places to take the surveys (Farmer's Market, Fire Station, etc.).

September 2, 5:30 pm is scheduled as a work session, to figure out our distribution process. Danielle will send copies of the flyer/postcard/etc.

3) Adjournment –The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Planning Board Clerk