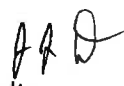


## MEMORANDUM

To: Tyngsborough Master Plan Committee  
From: Jay J. Donovan, Assistant Director, NMCOG   
Subject: Tyngsborough Master Plan Visioning Results  
Date: February 12, 2019

As part of the public input process for the Tyngsborough Master Plan, the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) worked with the Tyngsborough Master Plan Committee to schedule the Tyngsborough Master Plan Visioning Session at Old Town Hall. The purpose of the Visioning Session was to provide an overview of the Master Plan process, discuss the Visioning Process and then begin the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis exercise, in order to receive input from the participants as to the priorities for the community. The results of the SWOT Analysis exercise will be used in conjunction with the feedback from the community survey to determine the priority concerns to be addressed in the updated Master Plan. Additional input will be provided through the review of the Goals and Strategies, as well as the responses from the Tyngsborough Master Plan Committee on the individual Technical Papers and the final sections of the Master Plan.

The Tyngsborough Master Plan Visioning Session was held on January 9, 2019 and forty-five (45) Tyngsborough residents participated in the session. Eric Salerno, Town Planner and Economic Development Director, welcomed the participants and Introduced Beverly Woods, NMCOG Executive Director, to provide an overview of the Master Plan process. Jay Donovan then proceeded to discuss the Visioning Process and begin the SWOT Analysis. The SWOT Analysis exercise provided an opportunity for the attendees to voice their opinions on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with Tyngsborough. NMCOG staff recorded their thoughts, opinions and ideas on large sheets of paper, and after the discussion, participants were given an opportunity to indicate their priorities by placing colored dots next to each idea on the sheets of paper. For this exercise, red dots (4 points) indicated their first priority, green dots (3 points) indicated their second priority, blue dots (2 points) indicated their third priority and yellow dots (1 point) indicated their fourth priority.

Based upon the tabulated point totals for each idea, the top five priorities for the Visioning Session for each category, with their respective point totals, were as follows:

### **Strengths**

- Historic Town Center (43)
- Open land (35)
- Farms/food security (34)
- "Small town" feel (29)
- Wildlife (27)
- Two golf courses (27)

**Weaknesses**

- No bike trail (47)
- Road conditions (42)
- Lack of sidewalks (39)
- No organized DPW (30)
- Lack of shopping in town center (29)

**Opportunities**

- Combine development and “small town” feel (76)
- Make new buildings environmentally friendly/solar panels (67)
- Preserve open space (33)
- Open space for recreation or agriculture (33)
- Summer destination (31)
- Tax revenue (31)

**Threats**

- Overdevelopment/commercialization (48)
- Overpopulation (42)
- Roads with potholes (36)
- Fear of development/change (34)
- Overdevelopment threatens wildlife (32)

The complete results for the Visioning Session, as well as the flyer, agenda and sign in sheets, are provided as an attachment to this brief memorandum. The results are summarized by category and the ideas are listed by total dots and points based upon the number of dots and the values assigned to each dot. While these results do not represent a scientific sampling of local opinion, they do represent the views of the participants who attended the Visioning Session. We will provide a more complete discussion of the results at the Master Plan Committee meeting on February 13, 2019.

## Tyngsborough Master Plan Update SWOT Session Results: 1-9-19

Strengths	Participant Priorities				Totals	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Dots	Points
Historic town center	9	1	2	0	12	43
Open land	7	1	2	0	10	35
Farms/food security	4	6	0	0	10	34
"Small town" feel	6	1	1	0	8	29
Wildlife	3	4	1	1	9	27
Two golf courses	3	2	1	7	13	27
Four bodies of water in town	5	1	1	1	8	26
Low crime rate	5	0	1	3	9	25
Active public library	5	1	0	1	7	24
Opportunity to create town center	3	2	1	0	6	20
Excellent school system	2	3	1	1	7	20
River	2	3	1	0	6	19
Nature	4	0	0	0	4	16
Community events	4	0	0	0	4	16
Bus to airport	3	0	1	2	6	16
Location	2	2	0	0	4	14
Proximity to Route 3/highway	0	2	2	4	8	14
Excellent police protection	3	0	0	0	3	12
Excellent fire protection	2	1	0	1	4	12
High air quality	1	1	0	2	4	9
Reasonable housing costs	0	1	1	4	6	9
Proximity to mall	0	0	4	1	5	9
Historic Tyngsborough Bridge	0	2	1	0	3	8
Historic dwellings, 1/2 mile town center	0	2	1	0	3	8
Trail access to state forest	0	1	2	1	4	8
Historic First Parish Meetinghouse	0	0	3	2	5	8
Proximity to two airports	0	1	1	2	4	7
Town beach	0	0	1	4	5	6
Active town boards	0	1	0	1	2	4
Many options for schooling	0	1	0	0	1	3
Affordable housing/Chapter 40B not an issue	0	0	0	1	1	1
Sewer coverage/infrastructure (some)	0	0	0	1	1	1

Weaknesses	Participant Priorities				Totals	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Dots	Points
No bike trail	4	8	3	1	16	47
Road conditions	6	2	5	2	15	42
Lack of sidewalks	3	7	2	0	12	39
No organized DPW	5	3	0	1	9	30
Lack of shopping in town center	1	4	2	9	16	29
Proximity to grocery store	5	1	2	1	9	28
Need second bridge	3	2	2	1	8	23
Proximity to tax-free New Hampshire	4	0	1	1	6	19
Town water and sewer	3	1	1	1	6	18
Town center is not walkable/does not feel safe	2	2	1	1	6	17
Tax rate	4	0	0	0	4	16
Need for new public safety building	3	1	0	1	5	16
Limited social/cultural facilities	1	2	2	1	6	15
Lack of parking spaces by old town hall	1	2	2	1	6	15
Not pedestrian friendly	0	2	3	0	5	12
Abandoned buildings	1	1	2	1	5	10
Lack of playgrounds	1	0	2	2	5	10
Lack of arts & crafts/cultural activities for youth	0	3	0	1	4	10
No pedestrian friendly center of town	1	0	1	1	3	7
No way to get town information to residents	0	0	1	4	5	6
Lack of space for commercial/small business	1	0	0	1	2	5
Lack of access to the river	0	1	0	0	1	3
No local newspaper	0	0	1	1	2	3
Lack of public transit/transportation	0	0	0	2	2	2
Lack of PEG (Public, Education, Government) center	0	0	0	0	0	0

Opportunities	Participant Priorities				Totals	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Dots	Points
Combine development and "small town" feel	13	8	0	0	21	76
Make new buildings environmentally friendly/solar panels	10	3	6	6	25	67
Preserve open space	5	1	5	0	11	33
Open space for recreation or agriculture	4	4	2	1	11	33
Summer destination	2	5	1	6	14	31
Tax revenue	2	3	7	0	12	31
Developable land along Route 3 corridor/Westford Road	4	2	2	2	10	28
Improving access to waterways	0	5	4	2	11	25
Town center/properties around it	2	3	2	2	9	23
Use river for commercial use	0	5	1	6	12	23
Town could be a model for revitalization of town center	2	2	2	3	9	21
Boat launch/rentals/picnic on river	3	0	3	2	8	20
Level Winslow School/open up five acres at town center	2	2	2	2	8	20
Town center alive with arts and culture	1	4	1	1	7	19
Develop a town facilities plan. Assess all building needs and repairs	3	1	0	2	6	17
Connect town center properties	0	3	3	2	8	17
Winslow School property use/development potential	2	1	1	1	5	14
Pot shops opening/brings tourism	0	2	2	3	7	13
Follow through on recommendations from last Master Plan. Make Tyngsborough a destination community by showing rural areas and historic center	1	0	1	6	8	12
Opportunity to preserve historic center/buildings	0	2	1	1	4	9
Opportunity to develop Tyngsborough Country Club	0	1	1	1	3	6
Preserve food security/farms	0	0	1	1	2	3

Threats	Participant Priorities				Totals	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Dots	Points
Overdevelopment/commercialization	10	2	1	0	13	48
Overpopulation	5	6	2	0	13	42
Roads with potholes	5	4	1	2	12	36
Fear of development/change	4	3	4	1	12	34
Overdevelopment threatens wildlife	4	3	3	1	11	32
Increase taxes due to strain on infrastructure	4	4	0	0	8	28
Looking like Nashua	3	3	1	2	9	25
Inclusionary zoning not being met	4	0	2	0	6	20
Loss of quality of life	2	2	3	0	7	20
Loss of open space	2	3	0	1	6	18
Farming community/farmland being developed	3	0	2	0	5	16
Cutting down trees at Notre Dame Academy - noise pollution	2	0	4	0	6	16
Traffic from development	1	2	3	0	6	16
Resident apathy	1	1	2	2	6	13
Power interruptions	0	3	1	2	6	13
Lack of opportunities for young people	0	3	1	2	6	13
Deforestation along roadways. Keep old trees along roadway	0	2	3	0	5	12
Water pollution	0	1	2	2	5	9
Funding opportunities while being fiscally responsible	1	0	1	0	2	6
More crime	0	0	0	0	0	0



# Tyngsborough Master Plan Visioning Session



## The Tyngsborough Master Plan Committee invites you to its first Public Input Session

Please attend this important event and help determine Tyngsborough's future. The Master Plan will address land use, infrastructure, environmental protection, open space, transportation, housing, and economic development policies. Strong community participation is the most important aspect in creating a document that best meets the needs of the Town over the next ten years or more. Make sure your voice is heard!

**When:** Wednesday, January 9th  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Old Town Hall  
10 Kendall Road  
Tyngsborough, MA

*Light refreshments will be served.*

# TYNGSBOROUGH MASTER PLAN VISIONING SESSION

January 9, 2019

Old Town Hall

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## Program

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Overview of the Master Plan Process - Beverly Woods, Executive Director, Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
- III. The Visioning Process and Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis - Jay Donovan, Assistant Director, Northern Middlesex Council of Governments

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**15-minute break for prioritizing input using color coding dots**  
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- IV. Future Opportunities for Public Input



**TYNGSBOROUGH MASTER PLAN VISIONING SESSION**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019 - 7:00 PM**

**Attendance**

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