

**2004 SUTTON MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION SURVEY RESULTS
COMMUNITY FACILITIES (INFRASTRUCTURE)**

1) What community facilities (library, town hall, schools, etc.) do you feel will need to be updated/expanded in the next 5-10 years?

- Town Hall (x23)
- Highway garage (x9)
- Schools (x20)
- Elementary school (x12)
- Middle school (x4)
- High school (x2)
- Police department (x12)
- Fire department (x2)
- Library (x33)
- Playing fields (x2)
- Sports facilities
- Need a community center (x2)
- Cemeteries
- North Sutton beach and park
- Trails and open space
- Location for town meetings
- Depends on what our population does (x2)
- Not sure

If the facilities need to be expanded, should that be done on the existing site or should the facility be moved to another location? Where should it be moved to?

- Town Hall – somewhere near exit 10
- Town hall – with current growth could be too small, look to use schools
- Town hall expansion on existing site or where town sheds are
- Town hall should be built where highway sheds are
- Town hall needs more parking wherever they are located (x3)
- Move library to Vernondale store, more town office to current library, and use town hall for office space/meeting space for town committees
- Sutton mills is the center of Sutton and should continue to contain the library, school , and Town Hall
- Move highway department to another location
- Highway – somewhere near exit 10
- Highway and police need to relocate, both should be located centrally with room for expansion
- Police department should be moved to fire department location with new addition (x8)
- Library expanded on same site (x5)
- Library can be moved into existing town hall if town offices are relocated
- Library moved and building to be used as Historical Society offices and museum
- Central school expansion on existing site (x2)
- Central school should be built on proposed middle school property
- Recreation needs beyond a 10-year window. Buy land now and develop as time, need, and money allow. 1 playground in each village.
- Central location
- Existing sites (x16)
- New sites required, maybe at new middle school location
- Before expanding, look to better use existing facilities
- Facilities should complement and enhance the village concept and environment
- Depends of space availability
- Whatever needs to be done

2) Are there any comments that you about any of the current town departments/facilities that you would like to share?

- Town Hall should be protected, it is not built to be a business office nor do I think it meets safety standards
- Town hall outdated for administrative purposes – no storage, no parking, improper fire exits, unsafe work area
- Evening or Saturday town hall hours
- Town hall staff is always a joy to interact with (x2)
- Office space for welfare, health, and code enforcement officers in town hall to ensure that all files remain in town hall (x2)
- The road crew does a great job maintaining the roads and are super efficient at snow plowing
- Extremely important to have a comprehensive up-to-date road management plan. Informal plan raises questions and allows uneven maintenance or over maintenance of some areas.
- Improving roads on an ongoing basis
- Highway department needs less liberties, do they work for us or we for them?
- Highway crews seem insensitive to the beauty the trees that line the roads create
- More oversight and sensitivity regarding road and powerline clearing is needed to preserve scenic qualities while maintaining safety
- Highway department has improved greatly (x2)
- Highway needs to control roadside clearing
- Town shed should have been built to be more in keeping with town character and aesthetically pleasing. Add landscaping (x2)
- We desperately need plastic and battery recycling
- Modify transfer station hours
- Establish inter-town library book loaning system with area towns
- Fire department has done very good to manage their equipment with limited resources
- Good fire and rescue departments (x2)
- Fire and police departments should be together to coordinate services
- Housing will probably have to be provided to police department staff in the next 10 years
- Use high school for town meetings – plenty of parking and seats. Better usage of town facilities. (x3)
- More and better hours at town hall, library, and transfer station
- All departments do a great job and are helpful (x2)
- Need to have a secure facility for the storage of historical town documents and artifacts

- Inter-town cooperation and sharing of community facilities, equipment, and personnel
- Planning board seems very defensive at public hearings
- All board/committees should be elected to avoid appointing people with like/similar ideas
- Measures should be taken to encourage the continued volunteer participation in town departments and commissions (paid training)
- Small and minimal are good
- Town can not enforce codes on privately owned land. They have to have monetary, proprietary, or contractual interest in my property.