

**2004 SUTTON MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION SURVEY RESULTS
HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES RESULTS**

1) What are the 5 most important historical resources in Sutton?

- Town hall records
- Musterfield Farm (x27)
- Farmsteads
- Historical/Traditional Houses and buildings (x9)
- Villages (x5)
- South Sutton church/village green/historic buildings/schoolhouse (x16)
- East Sutton Village
- Sutton Mills (x2)
- Library (x6)
- Town Hall (x25)
- Old churches (x13)
- Free Will Baptist Church (x4)
- Old Store Museum (x2)
- Old barns
- Schoolhouses (x2)
- Follansbee Inn
- Vernondale Store (x3)
- Settlers Oven (x5)
- The Pinnacle (x4)
- The Town Pond (x2)
- Old stone walls(x3)
- Cellar holes (x3)
- Cemeteries (x10)
- Native American sites
- Class VI roads (x2)
- Historic bridges
- Historic markers
- Kezar Lake (x3)
- Wadliegh Park (x3)
- Winslow Park
- Blaisdell Lake
- Smiley grove
- Open space/lakes/forests/ fields (x5)
- Sutton Village Waterfall
- Historical Society and buildings (x3)
- People
- 21 Sites and traditions identified in the Corner Stones Project (x2)

What can Sutton do to protect these historical resources?

- Volunteerism (x4)
- Land/easement acquisition
- Provide incentives for restoration and maintenance of historic homes (x3)
- Financial help for maintenance and restoration (x7)
- Apply for grants
- Fundraise for library
- Establish Heritage Commissions
- Build new town hall (x2)
- Locate permanent home for archives and historical documents
- Turn the Vernondale store into a library or town-run coffee house
- Keep commercial at I-89 exits
- Encourage growth in village areas
- Better zoning (x2)
- Establish Historic Districts (x4)
- Lighting ordinance to prevent light pollution
- Enact zoning ordinances to protect historic sites and structures (x3)
- Protective covenants in development approvals (x2)
- Amend subdivision regulations to allow for stone walls to be followed instead of through strict acreage requirements
- Enforce state preservation laws
- Limit what can be done to historic buildings – restoration, demolition, etc.
- Install sprinklers in the town hall
- Help maintain sites (x3)
- Consider results of Cost of Community Services Study
- National Register
- Prepare list of properties to nominate for national/state register of historic places
- Participate in preservation programs and take advantage of state resources (x2)
- Educate citizens as to the importance of preserving historic sites and structures (x4)
- Promote cultural events that utilize them more
- Better communication with town officials
- Better use of town web site
- Lease ball fields at Wadleigh from State for recreation for town residents instead of creating new ones
- Preserve areas the way they are now
- Rely on volunteer help
- Help Sutton Historical Society in their preservation efforts (x3)
- Being done by Historical Society

2) Should Sutton adopt a Historic District Zoning Ordinance?

	# Responses	% Responses
Yes	29	45%
No	17	27%
Unknown	18	28%
Total	64	100%

- Concerned about private land owners

3) Should Sutton set aside money each year for the purchase of new/maintenance of existing Town historic resources?

	# Responses	% Responses
Yes	48	75%
No	11	17%
Unknown	5	8%
Total	64	100%

- If we can not afford to buy them - encourage tax breaks for public industry to utilize facilities of historic note
- Open space

4) What are the 5 most important cultural resources in Sutton?

- Musterfield Farm (x19)
- Town Library (x12)
- Schools (x6)
- Village School
- Town Hall (x8)
- South Sutton common and buildings (x4)
- Churches (x3)
- Old meeting house
- Vernondale Store (x2)
- Old Store Museum
- Museums (x2)
- Town shed with old coach
- Lakes and water bodies
- Kezar Lake (x2)
- Wadliegh State Park/Beach (x2)
- Smiley Grove in N. Sutton
- Stonewalls
- Dams - especially on Lane River
- Class VI roads
- Greenway system that runs through town
- Farmsteads
- Palmerstown
- Village Center
- Historic sites (x2)
- Old Home Days (x3)
- Christmas Program in South Sutton (x3)
- 4th of July Parade
- Town Meeting (x2)
- Historical Society (x4)
- Village Associations
- 4-H Club
- Traditions found in 21 Sutton Cornerstones Project
- People
- Involved residents

What can Sutton do to protect these cultural resources?

- Volunteerism (x3)
- Assist with grant applications (x2)
- Financial help for maintenance and restoration of structures (x4)
- Proper maintenance on an annual basis (x2)
- Properly stored records/historic information
- Pass zoning laws designed to protect private cultural facilities
- Village zoning for density
- Regulations on size and character of buildings
- Encourage landowners to maintain walls, dams, and farms
- Land/easement acquisition
- Hire a professional librarian
- Encourage the est. of "friends" groups for Library
- Establish cultural resource sub-committee/board to advocate for cultural activities and resources
- Village School: keep where it is
- Utilize school for meetings and recreation
- Promote cultural events (x3)
- Promote through media
- Encourage them not to change
- Add more in town
- Town help not need for non-profit organizations