ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS

2013 Section 5 Update - Supplement to 2004 POCD

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Overview

Infrastructure such as transportation facilities and utilities can be used to help guide appropriate development patterns as illustrated in Chapter 4. Transportation facilities and utilities together with community facilities and services can also have significant impacts on residents' quality of life depending on how well they meet their everyday needs.

The predominance of single-family homes in Somers coupled with a changing population is likely to increase the need for alternative forms of housing over the next ten to twenty years. If Somers residents are to be able to remain in Somers, the Town will need to create fiscal programs to allow aging residents to stay in their homes as well as make regulatory changes and provide appropriate infrastructure to facilitate alternatives to high-end, single-family homes to meet residents' needs in the years to come.

By addressing housing needs and providing adequate infrastructure, Somers can maintain and even enhance residents' quality of life.

Community Facilities



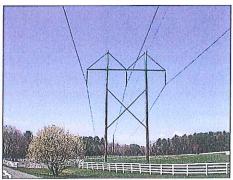
Transportation



Housing Needs



Utilities



Additional Strategies

Chapter 3 contains strategies to preserve more open space that can be used to acquire additional land for additional outdoor athletic facilities.

Community Facility and Service Strategies

- 1. Enlarge Town Hall and update Update physical plant to meet anticipated needs.
- 2. Complete the relocation of the Resident State Trooper's Office to the old fire-house.
- 3.2. Assess the need to build or purchase a firehouse to better serve northern Somers.
- 4. Extend water and fire hydrants to serve Field Road and Egypt Road industrial areas.
- 5.3. Revise the driveway ordinance to ensure emergency access.
- 6.4. Adopt regulations to ensure access to emergency water supplies for new development.
- 7.5. Consider adopting a residential sprinkler ordinance based on distance to water supply.
- 8. Upgrade radio equipment to facilitate better two way communications, close gaps in coverage, and allow radio interoperability between police, fire, and Town personnel.
- 9.6. Provide adequate funding and personnel to properly maintain roads and drainage facilities to avoid more costly repairs in the future.
- 10. Study the feasibility of sharing resources between the Town and School park/grounds maintenance staffs.
- 11. Upgrade the parks maintenance building to meet staff needs.
- 12. Consider a pay as you throw program to encourage recycling, reduce waste and lower hauling and disposal costs.
- 13.7. Provide additional sports fields, preferably in close proximity to existing fields.
- 44-8. Acquire additional land for future recreation needs near the Recreation Park.
- 15.9. Consider providing some form of outdoor water recreation.
- 16.10. Create an after-school program to address issues at the library.
- 17. Study the feasibility of sharing resources between the Town and School recreation positions.
- 13.11. Closely monitor enrollment projections to anticipate additional space needs at the Somers High School.
- 19.12. If maintaining a single education campus is desirable and further expansion within the campus is impractical, adjacent land should be acquired.
- 20. Plan to enlarge the Library during the planning period.
- 21.13. Monitor the growing senior population to anticipate staff and space needs at the Senior Center.
- 22.14. Convert the State Trooper's Office in the Kibbe Fuller Community Center to a multi-purpose room for recreation programming and other needs.

Allowing consolidated parcels can also have a number of traffic and parking benefits. With proper cross-easements and modified yard/buffer requirements between consolidated parcels, curb cuts can be reduced and shared parking requirements can be implemented where they might otherwise not be possible.

Section 8-2c of the Connecticut General Statutes authorizes zoning commissions to accept a fee-in-lieu of parking spaces in instances where there is not sufficient land available to provide all required on-site parking spaces. Such funds can be used for the construction or repair of Town parking facilities or transit facilities designed to reduce dependency on private automobiles. Somers should consider adopting fees-in-lieu of parking within the villages of Somers and Somersville to encourage the adaptive reuse of properties in these areas.

The Zoning Regulations currently lack parking lot paving, curbing, pavement marking, and lighting requirements. The Zoning Commission should adopt flexible parking lot standards that require bituminous concrete pavement on a suitable base for most applications while allowing alternative pavement systems (outside of aquifer protection areas) such as porous block or grass pavers for seldom used parking spaces and perimeter fire lanes to reduce stormwater runoff.

Parking lot lighting should be restricted in height and intensity, utilizing full-cutoff fixtures that limit glare within a site.

Strategies to Address Vehicular Transportation Needs

- 1. Pursue improvements to the intersections of Route 190 at Ninth District Road and Route 190 at Route 83 with the Connecticut Department of Transportation.
- 2.1. Keep road improvement projects and maintenance funded and on schedule to avoid more costly repairs in the future.
- 3-2. Reevaluate the parking requirements by use and make adjustments as necessary to ensure adequate yet efficient numbers of parking spaces.
- 4.3. Consider adopting fees-in-lieu-of parking within the villages of Somers and Somersville.
- 5. Adopt standards for pavement materials, pavement marking, and handicapped parking.
- 6.4. Reduce impervious surfaces using porous pavement systems, deferred parking and shared parking requirements where appropriate.
- 7.5. Modify lighting requirements to reduce excessive lighting and adopt an ordinance to prohibit off-site floodlights.

Additional Strategies

Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 contain strategies designed to reduce impervious surfaces, protect scenic roads, and mitigate the impacts of impervious pavement.

Utilities should facilitate desired development patterns, support community structure, and enhance quality of life.

Definitions

Infrastructure - in the preparation of this Plan, the term infrastructure refers to utility services such as:

- piped utilities (water, sanitary and storm sewers and natural gas);
- wired utilities (electricity, telephone, cable TV, and internet); and
- wireless communications (telephone, paging, satellite TV and radio).

Margin of Safety – The Department of Public Utility Control requires water companies to maintain the capacity to safely exceed daily demand by 15%.

Provide For Adequate Utility Services

As a rural suburban town, Somers utility infrastructure is somewhat limited. Water and sewer service has often been provided on a reactionary basis, due to groundwater contamination and septic failure. Other utilities such as natural gas, digital subscriber line service (DSL) and wireless communications services are sporadic to non-existent due to remoteness from urban centers.

Major utility issues facing Somers include:

- expansion of water service, especially along Field Road; and
- expansion of the Somersville water pollution control plant to accommodate anticipated needs.

Ensure Adequate Public Water Service

Domestic Water

Public water service is provided by the Connecticut Water Company (CWC), Hazardville Water Company (HWC), and Ellington Acres Company (EAC) utilizing Town owned water lines. The vast majority of the town is served by private wells.

The benefit of public water over private wells is their ability to serve densely developed areas without concern for groundwater contamination from on-site septic systems or hazardous industrial waste. Fifty-nine percent of Somers residents surveyed agreed that Somers' public water systems should be expanded to accommodate future development.

The HWC operates two water systems: one serving Somersville and the other serving an area along George Wood Road. The HWC systems have adequate capacity and margin of safety to meet demand over the next decade and beyond.

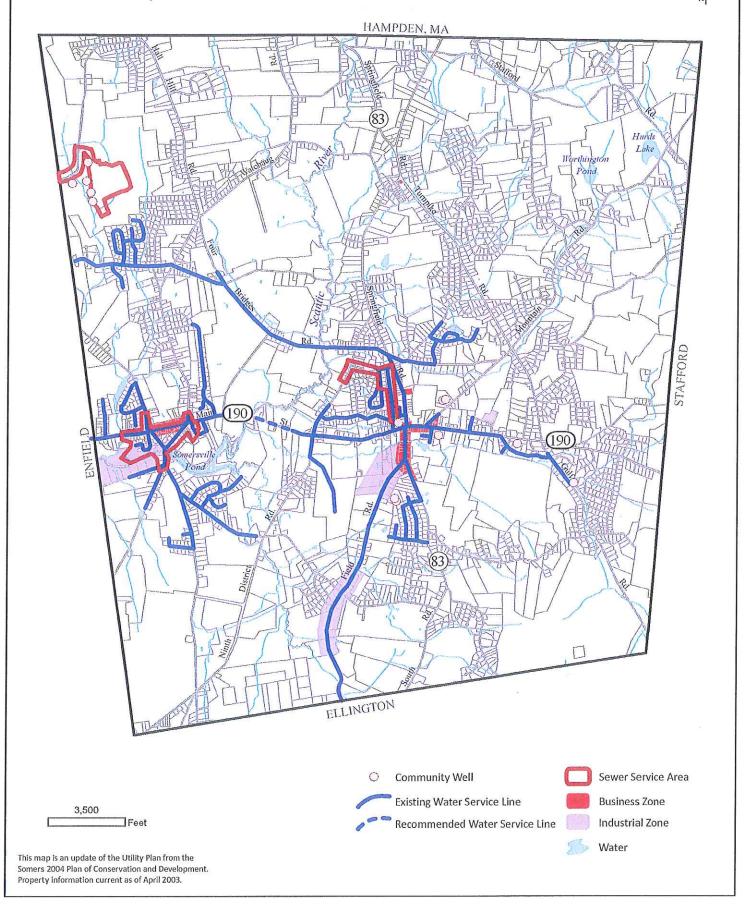
The CWC operates the water system serving the village of Somers and surrounding areas. The CWC system had adequate capacity and margin of safety to meet demand over the next decade and beyond but the potential for future contamination in the Field Road area is a concern due to past contamination incidents and the presence of industry in the vicinity of a well field.

The EAC serves approximately 700 customers in Ellington and operates a single eight inch water main on Egypt Road, serving the new Public Works Garage. Capacity and margin of safety have been an issue in the past for the EAC but two new wells are expected to meet future demand and provide adequate margin of safety throughout the planning period and beyond.

Fire Supply

All three The water companies report volumes and pressures at or near industry guidelines for fire protection. The Town is in the process of adding five new fire hydrants a year to existing water mains over the next five years to improve fire protection around the villages. Consideration should be given to extending water and hydrants to the industrial areas along Field Road and Egypt Road.

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Ensure Adequate Public Sewer Service

The Somers Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) provides public sewers in the vicinity of Somersville. The treatment plant on the Scantic River has a capacity of 100 thousand gpd. is nearing its 65 thousand gallons per day (gpd) capacity and an expansion to 90-100 thousand gpd is being studied.

If the Somersville mill or another area of town is to be considered for higher intensity development, the treatment plant will have to be expanded. Sixty percent of Somers residents surveyed agreed that the sewer system should be expanded to accommodate future development.

Public sewers and a community septic system operated by the WPCA serve the Maple Ridge neighborhood where older homes on small lots led to widespread septic system failures. Similar systems under the control of the WPCA should be proactively considered in the future, where necessary to facilitate alternatives to large-lot residential development.

Ensure Adequacy of Other Utility Services

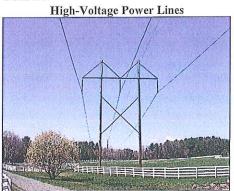
Electrical Service

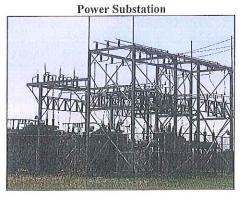
Electricity is delivered locally by Connecticut Light and Power Company with customers able to choose their own electricity supplier. Electric service in Somers is reported to be reliable town-wide and should be able to meet both current and anticipated future needs.

Wired Communication

Wired telephone services available through SBC and Cox Communications are reported to be reliable and available town-wide to meet current and anticipated future needs.

Internet and other data services are provided by SBC and Cox Communications in the form of dial-up service, high-speed DSL, T1, and T3 lines, and broadband cable. Such services are becoming increasingly critical for attracting a broad spectrum of commercial and industrial activity to desired locations. Cox high-speed cable modem access is generally available town-wide. DSL is limited to the extreme western edge of town but is planned to be extended further into Somers.



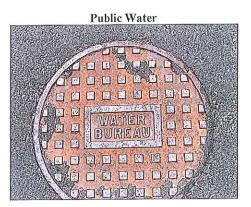


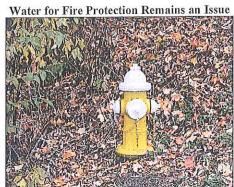
Additional Strategies

Chapter 4 contains strategies to attract appropriate businesses, enhance the villages, redevelop the Somersville Manufacturing Co. and. Improve the pattern of development that all may impact the provision of infrastructure.

Preliminary Strategies

- 1. Monitor the Ellington Acres Company well permit process to ensure adequate capacity and margin of safety in the future.
- 2. Study the expansion of water service with emphasis on serving the industrial areas along Egypt and Field Roads.
- 3. Pursue interconnection between the water systems where possible for future emergency use.
- 4. Expand the treatment plant to accommodate the redevelopment of the Somersville Manufacturing Co. mill and consider adding additional capacity to accommodate more intense development in and around the villages.
- 5-1. Consider the use of community septic systems to support open space development patterns and housing diversity if necessary.
- 2. Plan for additional growth in wireless communications by identifying desirable tower and antenna locations.
- 6-3. Pursue Wi-Fi- internet service in Town buildings.





PROTECTING IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Preserve More Meaningful Open Space

Pres	erve	More Open Space (Page 3-2)	Who	Priority	Done
*	1.	Increase the mandatory open space "set-aside" to 15% as part of every residential development application.	PC ZC	1	<u>∃</u> <u>X</u>
	2.	Enhance the open space acquisition fund through annual contributions in the budget and/or by bonding to have a more immediate effect.	BOF BOS	A	
	3.	Pursue state and/or federal open space grants.	CC PC	A	
	4.	Convert unprotected and perceived open space into protected open space by acquiring land or easements.	BOS CC PC ZC	В	
*	5.	Establish criteria in regulations to allow development flexibility for open space preservation.	PC ZC	1	<u>∃x</u>
	6.	Continue to require conservation easements or other measures during approvals.	CC PC ZC	A	
*	7.	Adopt regulations to allow off-site dedication and/or banking of open space.	PC ZC	1	
*	8.	Amend the regulations allow "open space developments" resulting in a higher percentage of open space by right and require a Special Use Permit from the Planning Commission for "conventional developments" that maximize lot sizes.	PC ZC	1	<u> </u>
	9.	Educate residents about benefits of open space donation and sale of development rights.	CC LUO OSTS PC	A	

		Meaningful Open Space and Create a Greenway Page 3-5)	Who	Priority	Done
*	10.	Identify and prioritize open space parcels for acquisition.	CC OSTS	1	
	11.	Interconnect open spaces into a system of greenways.	All	A	
	12.	Establish trails along greenways to encourage passive recreation.	All	A	
	13.	Encourage other organizations to allow for public access and use.	OSTS	A	

Legend	
AO	Assessor's Office
BOE	Board of Education
BOF	Board of Finance
BOS	Board of Selectmen
CC	Conservation Commission
COG	Capitol Region Council of Governments
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPW	Department of Public Works
EDC	Economic Development Commission
FD	Fire Department
\mathbf{FM}	Fire Marshal
HS	Historical Society
LB	Library Board
LUO	Land Use Office
OSTS	Open Space/Trails Subcommittee
PC	Planning Commission
RD	Recreation Department
ST	State Trooper
WC	Water Companies
WPCA	Water Pollution Control Authority
ZC	Zoning Commission
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1 H	igh Priority
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C L	ower Priority

Legen	d	Protect Water Quality			
AO	Assessor's Office				
BOE	Board of Education	Protect Water Quality (Page 3-7)	Who	Priority	Done
BOF BOS	Board of Finance Board of Selectmen	1. Adopt an Aquifer Protection Zone to allow uses according to their potential risk to water resource protection areas and designate the Zoning Commission as the responsible agency.	BOS ZC	2	
CC COG	Conservation Commission Capitol Region	2. Require the licensing, and monitoring of residential underground storage tanks.	BOS LUO	1	
COG	Council of Governments	Address Stormwater Management (Page 3-8)	Who	Priority	Done
DOT Department of Transportation		3. Require that the "first flush of runoff be appropriately treated	CC		
DPW		in terms of quality and rate of runoff.	PC ZC	1	
EDC	Economic Development Commission	4. Encourage site designs that minimize impervious surfaces, promote infiltration of stormwater, and reduce runoff.	PC ZC	A	
FD FM	Fire Department Fire Marshal	5. Continue to provide vegetative buffers to wetland and water-courses to filter pollutants and protect them from direct receipt of runoff.	CC PC ZC	A	
HS	Historical Society	C I in it the election and auding of sites to minimize the impact	PC		
LB	Library Board	on natural drainage patterns.	ZC	A	
LUO	Land Use Office	7. Promote public education programs that address "non-point"	CC	A	
OSTS	Open Space/Trails Subcommittee	pollution issues.	LUO	A	
PC	Planning Commission	Protect Important Natural Resources		40.	
RD	Recreation Department	Relate Development Intensity to Land Capability (Page 3-10)	Who	Priority	Done
ST	State Trooper	Adopt soil-based zoning to relate density of development to the capability of soils to support development	ZC	1	
WC	Water Companies	the capability of soils to support development.			
WPC	Control Authority	Preserve Natural Diversity (Page 3-12)	Who	Priority	Done
ZC Priorit	Zoning Commission ties	2. Minimize wildlife habitat loss through the preservation of open space and natural resource areas.	CC PC OSTS ZC	A	
*	Task	3. Work with applicants to protect important vernal pools and Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) resources.	All	A	
2	High Priority Moderate Priority	4. Inventory and map vernal pools.	CC	1	$\exists \underline{X}$
3	Lower Priority	5. Prohibit the introduction of non-native or invasive species during the site development or subdivision process.	All	A	
	Policy				
A	High Priority				
В	Moderate Priority				

C Lower Priority

Legend Adaptively Reuse the Somersville Mill Assessor's Office AO Board of Education BOE Who Priority Done Adaptively Reuse the Somersville Mill (Page 4-8) Board of Finance BOF Explore the possibility of allowing hospitality uses such as LUO 2 Board of Selectmen lodging or a conference center and amend the Zoning Regu-BOS ZC lations if uses are appropriate. Conservation CC Commission Consider a design development district for the Somersville ZC 1 $\exists X$ Capitol Region Manufacturing Company site. COG Council of Expand the WPCA treatment plant to accommodate at least Governments the redevelopment of the Somersville Manufacturing Com-WPCA 1 Department of DOT pany site. Transportation Department of DPW Reinforce the Villages Public Works Economic **EDC** Development Priority Done Limit Commercial Sprawl (Page 4-9) Commission Prohibit retail, restaurant, and personal service uses in the Fire Department FD ZC2 I-Zone to focus commercial activity in the villages. FM Fire Marshal Priority Done Historical Society Who HS Encourage Housing in and Near the Villages (Page 4-9) Library Board LB **EDC** Encourage age-restricted and other alternative housing in and LUO Land Use Office near the villages. LUO A PCOpen Space/Trails ZC OSTS Subcommittee EDC Encourage appropriate mixed-use development in the Busi-Planning PC LUO A ness District. Commission ZCRecreation RD Department Who Priority Done Create Walkable Villages (Page 4-9) State Trooper ST Create walkable villages through sidewalk, safety, BOS Water Companies WC BOF streetscape improvements. Water Pollution WPCA COG B Control Authority DOT Zoning Commission DPW ZC Priorities Manage Residential Growth Task Priority Done Who Adopt a Residential Density Regulation (Page 4-11) High Priority Adopt a residential soil-based zoning regulation. 1 ZC Moderate Priority Done Who Priority Encourage Open Space Development Patterns (Page 4-11) 3 Lower Priority Require Special Use Permits for conventional subdivisions 1 that maximize lot size (based on applicable density) while al-ZC lowing conservation subdivisions by right. Policy High Priority B Moderate Priority Lower Priority

		ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS			
AO	Assessor's Office				
BOE	Board of Education	Address Changing Housing Needs			
BOF	Board of Finance				
BOS	Board of Selectmen	Increase Housing Options for Older Residents (Page 5-3)	Who	Priority	Done
CC	Conservation Commission	1. Continue tax relief programs for older residents.	BOF BOS	A	
COG	Capitol Region Council of Governments Department of	2. Continue to actively encourage active-adult and elderly housing where appropriate.	EDC LUO PC	A	
DOT	Transportation		ZC		
DPW	Department of Public Works	3. Expand options for accessory apartments as elderly units.	ZC	2	
EDC	Economic Development Commission	4. Seek state and federal grants and local funding to purchase land for income-assisted elderly housing.	BOF BOS	1	
FD	Fire Department	Accommodate Affordable Housing (Page 5-3)	Who	Priority	Done
FM	Fire Marshal		20	0	
HS	Historical Society	exchange for providing affordable units.	ZC	2	
LB	Library Board	6 Investigate requiring a percentage of affordable units or a fee-	ZC	2	
LUO	Land Use Office	in-lieu of affordable units for new residential developments.			ш
OSTS	Open Space/Trails Subcommittee	Address Community Facility Needs			
PC	Planning Commission				
		Address Town Hall Needs (Page 5-8)	Who	Priority	Done
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Address	Fire Protection and EMS Needs (Page 5-9)	Who	Priority	Done	Legend	
6.	Assess the need to build or purchase a firehouse to better	BOF			AO	Assessor's Office
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* 7.	Extend water and fire hydrants to serve Field Road and Egypt Road industrial areas.	BOS	2	$\Box \underline{X}$	BOS	Board of Selectmen
% 8.	Revise the driveway ordinance to ensure emergency access.	BOS FD	1		CC	Conservation Commission
% 9.	Adopt regulations to ensure access to emergency water supplies for new development.	PC ZC	1		COG	Capitol Region Council of Governments
% 10.	Consider adopting a residential sprinkler ordinance based on distance to water supply.	BOS FM	2		DOT	Department of Transportation
Address	Emergency Communications Needs (Page 5-10)	Who	Priority	Done	DPW	Department of Public Works
¥ 11.	Upgrade radio equipment to facilitate better two-way communications, close gaps in coverage, and allow radio interoperability between police, fire, and Town personnel.	BOF BOS FD	1		EDC	Economic Development Commission
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Address	Highway Maintenance Needs (Page 5-10)	Who	Priority	Done	FM	Fire Marshal Historical Society
12.	Provide adequate funding and personnel to properly maintain	BOS	A		HS LB	Library Board
	roads and drainage facilities.				LUO	Land Use Office
Address	Parks and Grounds Maintenance Needs (Page 5-11)	Who	Priority	Done	OSTS	Open Space/Trails
X 13.	Study the feasibility of sharing resources between Town and School park/grounds maintenance staffs.	BOE BOS	1	$\exists \underline{X}$	PC	Subcommittee Planning
1 4.	Upgrade the parks maintenance building to meet staff needs.	BOS DPW	1	<u> </u>	RD	Commission Recreation
Address	Solid Waste Needs (Page 5-11)	Who	Priority	Done	ST	Department State Trooper
X 15.	Consider a pay-as-you-throw program to encourage recycling, reduce waste and lower hauling and disposal costs.	BOS DPW	1		WC WPCA	Water Companies Water Pollution
Address	Recreation Needs (Page 5-12)	Who	Priority	Done	ZC	Control Authority Zoning Commissio
X 16.	Acquire additional land for future recreation needs near the Recreation Park.	BOF BOS PC	1		Priorities	8
X 17.	Provide additional sports fields, preferably in close proximity to existing fields.	BOS RD	2		X Ta	sk
X 18.	Consider providing some form of outdoor water recreation.	BOS RD	3			gh Priority
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X 20.	Study the feasibility of sharing resources between the Town and School recreation positions.	BOE BOS	1			wer Priority
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AO	Assessor's Office		2000000		
BOE		Address Traffic Issues (Page 5-18)	Who	Priority	Done
BOF BOS	Board of Finance Board of Selectmen	1. Pursue improvements to the intersections of Route 190 at Ninth District Road and Route 190 at Route 83 with the Connecticut Department of Transportation.	COG DOT DPW	1	<u> </u>
CC	Conservation Commission	2. Keep road improvement projects and maintenance funded	BOS	A	
COG	Capitol Region Council of Governments	and on schedule to avoid more costly repairs in the future. 3. Complete scheduled safety improvements on Town roads.	DPW	1	
DOT			2007000		
DPW		Modify Parking Standards (Page 5-18)	Who	Priority	Done
EDC	Public Works	4. Reevaluate the parking requirements by use and make adjustments as necessary to ensure adequate yet efficient numbers of parking spaces.	ZC	1	
FD	Commission Fire Department	5. Consider adopting fees-in-lieu-of parking within the villages of Somers and Somersville.	ZC	1	
FM HS	Fire Marshal Historical Society	6. Adopt standards for pavement materials, pavement marking, and handicapped parking.	ZC	1	$\exists \underline{X}$
LB	Library Board	7. Reduce impervious surfaces using porous pavement systems,	ZC	1	
LUO	Land Use Office	deferred parking and shared parking requirements where appropriate.	Z.C	1	
OSTS	Open Space/Trails Subcommittee	8. Modify lighting requirements to reduce excessive lighting and adopt an ordinance to prohibit off-site floodlights.	ZC	1	П
PC	Planning Commission		stati.	0.10	
RD	Recreation Department	Address Alternative Forms of Transpor	lam	UII	
ST	State Trooper	Address Pedestrian Needs (Page 5-21)	Who	Priority	Done
WC	Water Companies	1. Provide sidewalks throughout the commercial and more	BOS		
WPC	A Water Pollution Control Authority	densely populated areas of the two villages with attention given to crosswalks and other safety enhancements.	DOT DPW PC	1	
ZC	Zoning Commission	2. Provide sidewalks or multi-use trails between village centers	BOS		
Priorit		2. Provide sidewalks or multi-use trails between village centers and major activity nodes.	OTSC PC ZC	2	
	Task	3. Enhance and protect the existing hiking trail system throughout town.	OTSC PC	A	
	High Priority	Address Bicycle Circulation (Page 5-21)	Who	Priority	Done
2	Moderate Priority		DPW		18 1
3	Lower Priority	4. Accommodate bicycles whenever practical in road improvement and site development projects.	PC ZC	A	
	Policy	Monitor Demand for Dial-a-Ride Service (Page 5-21)	Who	Priority	Done
A	High Priority	5. Monitor the dial-a-ride service to anticipate future demand as Somers population ages.	BOS	В	
	High Priority Moderate Priority	5. Monitor the dial-a-ride service to anticipate future demand as	BOS	В	

C Lower Priority

Provide for Adequate Utility Services

Ens	ure A	Adequate Public Water Service (Page 5-22)	Who	Priority	Done
	1.	Monitor the Ellington Acres Company well permit process to ensure adequate capacity and margin of safety in the future.	LUO WC WPCA	A	
*	2.	Study the expansion of water service with emphasis on serving the industrial areas along Egypt and Field Roads.	BOF BOS FD WC WPCA	2	<u> </u>
*	3.	Pursue interconnection between the water systems where possible for future emergency use.	FD WC WPCA	2	
Ens	ure A	Adequate Public Sewer Service (Page 5-24)	Who	Priority	Done
*	4.	Expand the treatment plant to accommodate the redevelopment of the Somersville mill and consider adding additional capacity to accommodate more intense village development.	WPCA	1	<u> </u>
	5.	Consider the use of community septic systems to support open space development patterns and housing diversity if necessary.	WPCA	A	
Ens	ure A	Adequacy of Other Utility Services (Page 5-24)	Who	Priority	Done
*	6.	Plan for additional growth in wireless communications by identifying desirable tower and antenna locations.	CSC LUO PC	1	<u> </u>

Legend	
BOE	Board of Education
BOF	Board of Finance
BOS	Board of Selectmen
CC	Conservation Commission
COG	Capitol Region Council of Governments
CSC	Connecticut Siting Council
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPW	Department of Public Works
EDC	Economic Development Commission
FD	Fire Department
FM	Fire Marshal
HS	Historical Society
LB	Library Board
LUO	Land Use Office
OSTS	Open Space/Trails Subcommittee
PC	Planning Commission
RD	Recreation Department
ST	State Trooper
WC	Water Companies
WPCA	Water Pollution Control Authority
ZC	Zoning Commission

Priorities

X	Task
1	High Priority
2	Moderate Priority
3	Lower Priority
	Policy
	High Priority
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