



**MEETING NOTES**  
**October 23, 2007**

**Vision, Architecture and Design Public Meeting #1**

Three questions were asked of the attendees of the first public meeting in order to gather consensus on issues which will shape the design process. Below are the questions followed by a full account of everyone's answers and comments.

I. What are the most important elements (of this area) to celebrate?

- Use of stone and granite; good local materials to use in new construction
- Bretton Woods is a part of the town of Carroll.
- Linking recreational and pedestrian elements throughout
- Safe connections over & under routes
- "North Woods" identity; this should be kept
- Wildlife presence
- Habitat protection
- Spectacular views
- Dark night sky
- Natural beauty and spaciousness
- Space between houses/properties; open and green
- No traffic
- Abundance of recreational opportunities: skiing, snowmobiles, hiking, bird watching, trout fishing, cross country, ice skating, tubing
- Bike paths and community trail connectivity
- Village: library, year round theater, dance hall, community church
- Fireworks
- Mt. Washington
- Ammonoosuc River
- Close knitted community
- Sense of place
- Clean/pristine water
- Water reuse
- Cog Railroad
- Fall foliage: colors, and tree species that enhance the scenery
- International tourism
- Natural landscape, with waterways and rivers
- Rich historic precedent is both an asset & burden
- Rock Bottom Clear Springs
- Mount Washington Resort
- Vibrant and diverse economy is essential; prosperity and jobs for community
- Regional and period architecture to emulate and preserve
- Uniqueness and diversity of styles in the region

- Shingle architecture and granite, reflecting the mountain environment
- Preserve ecology
- Design in response to climate
- Stone walls
- Seasonality; opportunities abound year-round

## II. What are the key issues to address?

- No congestion or waiting in traffic
- Regional transportation network: improve network in and around resort, optimize capacity of Rt. 302 and Rt. 3
- Avoid noise pollution from traffic
- Minimize environmental impact and maintain wetlands
- Consider impact on school system (and elsewhere) of additional full-time residents
- Consider impact of temporary residents on the community resources during construction phase
- Employee housing
- Provide for public safety with sufficient fire/medical/police services to cover the growth
- Emergency shelter
- Avoid light pollution against the dark night sky
- Concentrated density
- Design of roads and parking for proper access
- Signage for automobile and pedestrian access and way-finding
- Snow removal (separate sidewalks from roads)
- Energy source
- Link a regional energy system, create sustainability for development
- Architectural outlook
- More diverse economy
- Need a long term vision and perspective
- Local workers (vs. imported help) are preferred
- Number & locations of fire hydrants, as they affect home owners insurance policies
- Build relationship and shared vision between Twin Mountain and Bretton Woods
- How do trash & recycling work, and where?
- Control litter along roads
- Keep animals away from trash and litter
- Increase public access to amenities such as bike trails, slopes, trout streams, and golf courses
- Enhance existing infrastructure system
- Is an impact fee needed?
- Hotel maintenance bridge is too narrow
- Rainy day/indoor activity is needed
- Private golf carts?
- Pricing and affordability
- TV (better cable options)
- Continued community input
- Finnish saunas

### III. What is your vision for the future?

- Expand ski area
- Manage development with minimal environmental impact
- Wildlife preservation and conservation
- Pedestrian friendly village and retail
- Maintain open space
- Dark-sky friendly
- “Green” initiatives and sustainability
- Unification of Carroll (Twin Mountain and Bretton Woods)
- Connections & relationships to bring visitors to neighboring towns, Main Streets, and retail
- Shuttle to/from Twin Mountain
- Merge resort shuttle system with public bus system
- Train to/from Boston
- Retirement
- No traffic issues
- True community involvement from new residents (scholarships, grants for students)
- United community (old & new residents)
- Handicapped accessible, especially residential units
- Promote education in special fields: arts, cooking, horticulture, management
- Expanded opportunities for employees
- Building Code enforced, and used as a measure of quality
- Increase common green spaces: parks, trails, ties into ski slopes
- Traditional New England town character incorporated into new neighborhoods
- Main Street community based on NH Main St. program and models
- New civic buildings and events
- Health clinic on site
- New investment should complement the hotel
- “Cottage style” architecture
- Begin with authentic details to create new and innovative architecture
- “Stable” enterprise
- Develop an expandable commercial core
- Addition of indoor & off season activities
- Geothermal & solar housing
- Increased technology and communications
- Wireless community
- Vibrant village