

# Chapter 7. Action Plan

## Economic Development

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- Periodically convene meetings of local boards, business owners, Lisbon Main Street, and economic development partners to ensure that improvements in the Village area are coordinated and focused on improving appeal for businesses, residents and visitors.
- Identify opportunities to strengthen the presence of the river through the Village area as an asset.
- Identify a local economic development champion to develop a list of available buildings and sites for business and use it to populate NH Economic Development's on-line database.
- Continually monitor the Zoning Ordinance to ensure that it reflects the changing nature of home occupations and businesses while ensuring that impacts are compatible with neighboring residential uses.
- Market Lisbon in urban areas with a focus on the family-friendly nature of the community, natural beauty and recreation opportunities, and close proximity to Littleton's offerings.
- Conduct a parking study in the Village area to assess the capacity and configuration of available parking, and the signage of parking areas for the public.
- Stay abreast of grant opportunities to improve existing facilities, such as USDA Rural Development and Northern Borders.
- Actively encourage development of the Industrial District to increase the tax base and create jobs.
- Ensure that existing and prospective businesses have access to information on assistance available from regional and state groups and programs.
- Implement the town's hazard mitigation plan to reduce the potential financial impacts of disasters on business.
- Cooperate with efforts to develop a kiosk by the rail trail nearby the railroad station with a trail map and information on local businesses.

- Continue to cooperate with the work of trail groups who are maintaining and publicizing Lisbon's trails.

## Housing

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- Encourage clustering to reduce the cost of site development.
- Ensure that the Zoning Ordinance allows a variety of housing options for all ages, income levels, and lifestyles.
- Continue to research and pursue the possibilities of obtaining Community Development Block Grants and other resources for the rehabilitation and repair of existing substandard units in the housing stock.
- Maintain and improve Lisbon's housing code and building inspection program.

## Land Use

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- Periodically reevaluate the clustering provisions in the Zoning Ordinance to ensure the effectiveness in steering development away from critical natural resources and steep slopes.
- Review the Zoning Ordinance on an annual basis, in conjunction with the other town boards and the public, to ensure that it reflects the community's vision for the future and meets the needs of current local conditions.
- Through zoning and site plan review, ensure that the economic potential of the US 302 corridor is realized by protecting the scenic value as development increases.
- Utilize the Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) statute to collaborate with neighboring planning boards to consider cross-town line impacts.
- Ensure that the Zoning Ordinance discourages sprawl and keeps the rural areas of town viable for businesses that require rural lands such as agriculture, forestry, tourism and recreation.
- Ensure that Lisbon's resilience and water quality are not impaired by siting development in unstable areas or those needed for stormwater management such as floodplains, erosion hazard areas, wetlands, and shoreline buffers.
- Ensure that stormwater created by developments neither increases the volume or velocity of surface waters nor carries pollutants to them.
- Continue the annual monitoring of gravel pits.

- Strengthen the town's sign regulations.

## Natural Resources

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- Provide Conservation Commission with notice of Intent to Cut forms to enable identification of opportunities for engagement with loggers and forest landowners on resource-protection issues.
- Increase education on invasive species.
- Encourage the use of and periodically reevaluate the clustering provisions in the Zoning Ordinance to ensure the effectiveness in steering development away from prime agricultural lands and discouraging sprawl.
- Consider additional protection for the town's important aquifer to ensure that toxic and hazardous materials are handled in a manner that will not result in contamination of the town's current or future public water supply.
- Ensure that the Zoning Board of Adjustment gives careful consideration to potential groundwater impacts when reviewing applications for Special Exceptions and incorporates best management practices into conditions of approval.
- Enforce and periodically review the new environmental overlay district provisions in the Zoning Ordinance regarding wetlands, shorelines and floodplains.
- Work with a conservation organization to permanently protect the five town-owned parcels around Pearl Lake to create a community-owned conservation area for recreation and habitat.
- Participate actively on the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee.
- Consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to require erosion control and proper stormwater management measures on steep slopes.
- Continue public education on important wildlife species and guidelines for reducing our impacts on habitat. Consider habitat as an important factor when prioritizing land for protection.
- Continue to transfer a portion of the land use change tax funds to the town's conservation fund.
- Evaluate the possibility of classifying some town roads as Scenic Roads pursuant to RSA 231:158 II to increase consideration of protecting roadside trees and stone walls.

- Maintain and enforce up-to-date stormwater management requirements in the town's subdivision and site plan review regulations.
- Encourage the protection of scenic views through outreach and education on design guidelines.
- Continue to support the work of the Conservation Commission.
- Strengthen the town's lighting regulations to ensure that the public is protected from glare, overlighting and the loss of dark night skies.

## Historic

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- Continue to maintain an up-to-date digital inventory of Lisbon's historic resources such as inventories, photographs, letters, and articles and make available for the public on the internet.
- Support the Historical Society's efforts to develop a museum space owned by the Town or Historical Society.
- Promote the appreciation of the town's rich history and historic buildings of the village center.
- Expand place-based education such as the engagement of students in education of the community on the town's history and historic resources.
- Support the use of state and nonprofit programs available to preserve Lisbon's historic structures.
- Work with willing landowners to preserve and protect the town's remaining historic structures.

## Transportation

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- Ensure that NHDOT's road inventory for Lisbon is up-to-date and update NHDOT annually whenever the town adds mileage to the Class V inventory.
- Adopt Class VI road policy.
- Ensure that roads are managed in a way that prevents the increased costs associated with deferred maintenance. Technology Transfer Center is one source of assistance on

topics such as pavement preservation and making the most of each dollar in the highway budget.

- Maintain a priority list for town roads and sidewalks improvements. Include:
  - Repaving Atwood Street in coordination with water and sewer.
  - Address drainage problems at junction of Hodge Hill and Savageville/Pearl Lake Road.
  - Address drainage and pave Ecology Road.
  - Include associated infrastructure on the priority list such as repairing and refacing retaining walls by the Riverside Market and along the river by the Town Hall and Library.
- Continue to monitor utility work, e.g., at Grafton Street and Lincoln Street, to ensure that placement of poles and lines does not interfere with road maintenance activities or safety.
- Work with NHDOT to evaluate safety improvements for the US 302/NH 117 intersection including restoration of the street light and improved/additional signage.
- Evaluate options for improving vehicle and pedestrian safety at the US 302/School Street intersection.
- Continue to monitor and assess one-way traffic for school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Request that NHDOT place signage to alert drivers on US 302 to traffic entering from the Sports Center.
- Periodically review accident data with Police Department and NHDOT to determine if any locations warrant a safety audit to identify causes and alternatives for addressing problems.
- Continue to maintain and contribute to the bridge capital reserve fund.
- Address the Town's Red Listed bridges.
- Identify and prioritize high priority culverts based on assessment data and critical transportation routes.
- Provide for pedestrian walkways wherever warranted by traffic and development.
- Continue to use traffic calming measures to reduce speed in the Village area and thus improve safety.
- Clearly mark the area between parking spaces and crosswalks to ensure that drivers have a clear view of pedestrians starting across.

- Continue to regularly maintain sidewalks in the Village Center and around the school and improve and repair when needed.
- Continue to utilize RSA 261:153 to utilize a portion of vehicle registration fees for a municipal transportation improvement fund for the repair and reconstruction of sidewalks and other pedestrian infrastructure.
- Incorporate "complete streets" principles into road design and reconstruction plans as appropriate.
- Work with NHDOT to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety in the village area.
- Periodically review sidewalk locations.
- Incorporate access management into development plans on US 302 as needed to ensure continued safety and attractiveness for economic development.
- Review and readopt the town's driveway regulations.

## Facilities, Utilities, and Recreation

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### General

- Develop and maintain a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to link local infrastructure investments with the master plan goals including the town's land use and economic development plan.
- Continue to maintain capital reserve funds for each department for the purchase of equipment and building upgrades and replacements.

### Community Facilities

- Address the need to have a town hall that is accessible and has a conference room.
- Improve the parking at the railroad station.
- Provide a teleconferencing system with a camera and screen at the railroad station to expand usability.
- Keep up with the rapidly changing equipment and technology needs of the Police and Fire and EMS.

- Explore ways to attract more volunteers to Fire and EMS and support training needs.
- Plan for a new town garage.
- Continue to work toward accessibility for the library.
- Develop a new school building for special education and preschool.
- Continue to expand and improve Grove Hill Cemetery as needed.

## Health Care and Housing

- Continue to support local community service agencies providing essential services to residents.

## Utilities

- Require developers outside of the public water service area to provide a water supply adequate for fire suppression.
- Evaluate the feasibility of installing a restroom at the transfer station.
- Follow the permitting for the potential new regional landfill and work with other towns to stay abreast of options for solid waste disposal.
- Perform maintenance and upgrades to the wastewater and water systems when needed.
- Identify and develop an additional well.
- Coordinate with Littleton and utilities to provide services to the Industrial Zone if there is interest in developing the area.
- Participate in regional efforts to improve broadband and cell service in the area.

## Recreation

- Develop and promote access areas to the river along Lisbon roads and Route 302.
- Develop a river walk in the village area and on the island.
- Promote the recreational use of the river as an attraction to enhance economic opportunities in Lisbon village.

- Consider events or other activities that could be utilized to attract new volunteers for the town's recreation programs.
- Create community spaces (built or open) for seniors and children with the option of interaction.
- Expand outreach on Lisbon's rail trail to improve and enhance bicycle and pedestrian opportunities in Lisbon.

## Implementation

- Convene a meeting of the Selectboard, Planning Board and Conservation Commission each fall to review progress on implementing the Master Plan Action Plan and identify priorities and opportunities for the coming year.