

**Rating of Question 10 responses** (What should we be doing - or not doing)

97 responses

26 people thanked us for our efforts

11 people encouraged us to work with other town boards and conservation groups

10 people want to keep Wilmot's rural character

7 responses had to do with more education on conservation issues

5 people indicated that they hoped our efforts would not increase or use town tax money

5 people think there are already enough rules and regulations

## QUESTION 10 Responses

### Residents lived/owned property **0 – 5 years**

Only act as liaison and advisors to town boards and state regulators. Do not try to develop new local laws and regulations. You can and have been helpful in liaison role.

Thank you for your efforts.

As if anything a common towns person says would influence anything your commission will decide on. Seriously. Do you really care?? Some people may believe in democracy still but not in Wilmot. Not me!

I am a 4<sup>th</sup> generation New Hampshire. My father cringes at the looks of West Lebanon, Tilton, etc. He can't believe New London has allowed a Dunkin Donuts, Subway, Radio Shack, etc. Neither can I. My hope for Wilmot is that development and greed do not overtake the land, and it can maintain its country charm and character. We should have strict zoning laws that prohibit developing on ridgelines, and stopping condo communities.

Obviously it is difficult to balance conservation concerns with property owners rights but I urge you to try to find a balance as you embark on the conservation plan. They are both equally important. I would also encourage research into "smart growth" and "Main St. communities" in developing this plan.

Regarding "preserve scenic views" The Town should ensure that all new constructions and renovations are fully completed within the two-year limit from the date of the building permit!!!

Kimpton Brook should be clear and cleaned of broken (shot up) (with a gun) glass and cans. Shooting a gun in residential area should be enforced (off Rt 4A)

We moved to Wilmot because it was still "country". Please help us keep it that way.

Find a place for our Town Shed and "Dump" that doesn't infringe on the still rural areas – Let the people use the community land –

We don't feel anyone should be allowed to build a structure on anything less than 5 acres (outside of town). Variances should be scrutinized before allowing them (i.e. – is there a profit motive?)

I bought land in Wilmot for my retirement years. I would hate for Wilmot to become like southern N.H. and allow enormous growth. Please continue to be active in the town and keep Wilmot as beautiful and serene as it is.

We have to realize, and be willing to grapple with, the reality that there is an inherent tension between conservation and growth. Careful balancing of short and long term needs, lead time so good decisions can be made, and acknowledgement that we can't please everyone but can do what's best for most – those steps are crucial.

First few questions may not give you specific enough information since we were not asked to prioritize the items. All are very worthy goals. Thank you for taking on this task that is so important to the future of Wilmot.

While some growth is understandable, please try to keep our town's rural beauty by limiting substantial growth. Wilmot is a beautiful place to live – lets try not to change it

too much. Thank you for the work you are doing in conserving the natural beauty of Wilmot!

Keep up your good work!

Clean up debris from roadways please. Thank you.

We want manageable growth.

Collecting research and presenting it to public to increase their awareness of cause and effect – going at it by relating it through the pocketbook for those who do not yet perceive the ecological connections and impact on themselves personally (f that's how they think). If we can influence them only economically, we need to do that. I think the examples you gave of other towns and the design of this survey is excellent. Hey guys: I'm in an Environmental Studies doctoral program at Antioch New England. I can use my contacts there to help us find appropriate research. I'm also teaching full-time and raising David and Dylan so I'm already pushing the envelope, but if I can help in a manageable way, I want to. Thanks for your hard work.

We need to be able to coordinate WCC with other town commissions in order to have a working and compatible plan with them as a whole for the town.

Send a member, as needed, to planning board meetings and hearings. Send a member to the 2007 Coverts training sponsored by UNH. Attend the "saving special places" conference in 2007. Attend the ASLPT land summit in fall 2007. In the 2+ years since getting voter approval for a conservation commission, you've all done a great job. Thank you for asking – If you have any questions about my responses, call me (Ann Davis) at 927-4596.

I think it would be beneficial to have the opportunity for folks with large chunks of property to fully understand what an easement is and what if any are other options for land conservation. There seem to be many opinions out there and not everyone has the facts. A presentation from a non-conflict of interest party would be helpful. Thanks for asking. Keep up the great work!

When are meetings held? Where? Where are notes from these meetings posted? Are we working in conjunction w/state (wildlife resources) fish and game to increase our funds and productivity? Are the positions on this commission elected? Great survey – thanks for asking!

(I'm) not all that educated on this subject but I love the forested and rolling hills, land and animals, and want to protect it.

### Residents lived/owned property **6 – 10 years**

Don't forget to refer to the Master Plan Committee's work done last year, good data there. Try to balance interest in conserved properties with desire for land owners wishes for use and the costs. Good luck! Press for new Master Plan and maybe citizen advisory board to be instituted.

Since property taxes are already high in this area I would urge caution in undertaking any actions which will significantly increase the already high taxes. Particularly for those who are on fixed incomes this could become an unmanageable burden.

Keep Wilmot the beautiful small town we choose to move to 7 years ago!

Although I am only a property owner, I do have plans to make Wilmot my permanent residence and would like to see it remain as unchanged and quiet as possible. Thank you.

Thanks for generating this survey!

You are doing a great job. Thanks!

More trails. Self-guided nature trail (eg., Collette trail in Enfield)

Glad you are doing this!

Wilmot is a beautiful, unspoiled town. Any attempts to change that “special” character of the town should be scrutinized very carefully by town officials and its residents.

I’d like to see more commercial retail outlets on the main roads adding to amenities and services in this town. Shopping in New London is not convenient for those on the far sides of town. This may keep town revenues generated and taxes down while compensations from those businesses are collected.

You’re doing a heck of a job...

Development of a bicycle path thru town especially Rt 4A. Very dangerous for all the activity it generates.

Establish more hiking trails. More educational projects. Help other official town bodies be more conservation aware in their deliberations.

Sorry I couldn’t answer more questions more specifically. Would have needed a lot more info on pros and cons before I made decisions.

Are there any current unsafe or toxic areas in town?

4c I believe that the state and federal setbacks are enough.

We should look at all commercial land use and try to convince the owners to make them blend in with the surroundings wherever possible. Scott’s Yard Care is an eye sore on Rte 11, for example.

Keep New Hampshire – New Hampshire. “Don’t make it like MASS”. Please

Thanks for asking

Again, thanks for your efforts. I’d be happy to help in the future as time allows. I’m a bit over-committed at present.

## Residents lived/owned property 11 – 20 years

Recycle yogurt containers to Stonyfield in Londonderry, NH

Public education/web site on key natural resources and guidelines for resource protection in Wilmot. Publicize all donations of land and conservation easements by residents.

Some of my acreage (70) might be developed for two or more homes, and require a paved town road for access. (paved). To get to the access requires driving two miles over a class 5 gravel road. Doesn't seem to make much sense.

Thank you

I am concerned about the transfer of property rights from the land owner to the local govt. I am also concerned about the use of property taxes to fund the Conservation Commission agenda.

Keep more green spaces, green.

As a town we are behind the times – missing opportunity and lack of foresight – will be difficult to catch up

Seeking input with surveys is a great step. Growth is inevitable everywhere, but it should be managed with conservation and the health of the environment kept in mind.

Protection of trees and other growth should be protected including in areas that are developed.

Thank you for compiling this excellent survey – your cataloguing of our natural resources and mapping have been excellent so far. Thank you also for the time you have taken to volunteer.

Just continue to keep residents informed.

Many thanks!

Enact or enforce zoning laws so that substandard housing (shacks) are not built in areas of nicer homes or in scenic areas. (Note see the “log cabin” on N. Wilmot Rd. overlooking White Pond just north of Sawyer Rd.) Trees were all cut down before this eyesore was put up.

See #5. (“Use good judgement and recognize that man has to live here too and needs his space.”) It's not just about the animals and trees and keeping people out. I would hope the Conservation Commission could help w/orderly, well planned development.

How can we protect ourselves from noise pollution? What do you need from supportive volunteers?

To not permit houses to be built in wetlands with raised foundation esp. when they will be a “spec house” – destroys property value of surrounding places – interferes with drainage for all and they are ugly.

Thank you for caring enough to help establish conservation goals.

## Residents lived/owned property **21 – 30 years**

None.

You're doing a great job. It takes a few years for townspeople to “get on board” but as Wilmot grows, more will. It also requires cooperation among the Selectboard and land use boards. This can take some time as well...good luck!

Not happy with this group that stated when originated that they would be a volunteer nonfunded working group now costing the taxpayers thousands of \$\$/year per warrant article requests that increase significantly each year.

You should not be costing the town of Wilmot a dime as per your commitment to the town when your committee was voted upon.

Continue with more surveys. Announce survey results and opinions. Do not drop interest in conservation. What are the hidden benefits of the above survey results.

Sounds good

When the Conservation Commission was 1<sup>st</sup> presented at town meeting it was not for the purpose of purchasing land. It was to expedite wetlands issues that the Selectmen encountered and to help expedite the permit process re wetlands issues. Commission should act as a informational resource for town officials (selectmen, highway dept, planning board...) and not as a regulator for land use.

Show up at all Selectmen's meetings – review minutes. Show up at all Planning Board meetings – review minutes. Thank you all for your work.

As the native Americans looked 7 generations forward on the impact of their decisions – I applaud the Cons. Commission for their thoughtfulness. Has 5 acre zoning ever been put to a vote?

We should “protect fiercely” our right to keep our homes and property and fight to force the Supreme Court to reverse their ruling of eminent domain “grabbing” for commercial and private use! Also! Do not copy-cat other towns – “Keep our town individuality and uphold our own convictions. We have seen too many towns fall to the pressures of “controlling” government!!

We must continue to be vigilant in protecting the rural community of Wilmot. I have been proud of our community's desire to maintain the essence of Wilmot. Developers understandably want to maximize their profit for investment, but it is our responsibility to make sure our town does not become a victim of profit for a few developers.

Does this conservation commission work with ASLPT when able to?

Land in “current use” should not “post” the land “no trespassing”

I was born and raised in this town and the residents have always been responsible and respected the natural beauty of this town. I honestly believe that this commission is wrong and think you should all go back to the cities you came from. If you walk onto my land you won't walk off.

You should be staying out of people's business and let other committees do their jobs!!

### Residents lived/owned property **30+ years**

Remember to focus on conservation, not preservation. Stay rational in your goals! Since Rick Lee is the only member of the conservation commission who is a long-time resident of this community (prior to the '80s) maybe he should be a full member. He knows how to keep the town on the right path!

When town properties are put in Conservation easement, they should be required to have access for parking and trail use maps for recreational use. Not hidden or blocked off from use.

State and federal laws are more than enough

Working with planning board to have minimum lot size of 5 – 10 acres in designated areas. Work hard to protect waterways.

After 45 years of living in this town now you want my advice, move to New London

Everything in moderation and using common sense to uphold property owners rights and to address quality of life for the town.

Thank you for the good work you are doing in behalf of us all – It requires a balancing act!

Leave Wilmot alone

(What shouldn't we be doing?) Develop a (?savior?) complex. (What should we be doing?) Remain in a purely advisory capacity.

I don't know enough about some of these questions to give an educated answer. I wish I could trust those who govern Wilmot to act wisely as stewards of the environment. Alas, I don't.

Good idea to conduct a survey.

Restrict the number of new building permits per year

Encourage more longtime residents to participate in decisions. Create more places (trails, parks, etc.) where families can congregate and enjoy the outdoors. Need children's playgrounds. Ballfields should be updated and enlarged. Check with other small towns to find out what they are doing to create an interest in conservation.

Towns should follow state regulations and guidelines.

Towns should follow state regulations and guidelines, which I feel are more than adequate.

See attached sheet

Between the government and the state we have enough rules and regulations. Lets keep Wilmot the way it is and enjoy life here as is. They are getting too many rules and regulations as is! Let us live in peace – it would be nice!!! First thing you know, you'll be putting the small businesses out of business.

I believe we have enough rules and regulations put on us by the government and the state so we don't need any more made for the town of Wilmot. Lets keep the town of Wilmot the way it is so we can enjoy our home and land. We don't want to be like a city. There are too many already!

Work with landowners in conserving or developing. The latter so as to achieve the best possible outcome for both owner – town.

Heighten the awareness of citizens re effect of poor conservation practices – focus on children – promote “nature walks” geared to the young.

Conservation efforts should not be used to close the door to town, as population increases we need affordable land to develop. It seems typical that so-called conservation efforts become a tool of the advantaged. Rather than using town funds to prevent growth, use funds for tax relief.

Residents of Wilmot have a hard time meeting tax payments with out land being used as tax shelters. Raise your needed funds through donations, and pay market value for land.

### **Ratings of Question 3 – Specific places in Wilmot you think should be conserved**

159 answers submitted (mostly specific places but some general categories such as “wetlands”, “forests”, “farmlands”)

#1 (61) Ponds, streams, rivers, marshes, wetlands

#2 (29) Mt. Kearsarge and surrounding area (Old Winslow Road, Chandler Farm, the Cascades

#3 (28) North Wilmot area, including Piper Pond, White Pond, Tewksbury Road, N. Wilmot Church, Camp Wilmot

#4 (17) Wilmot Center (the library, church, town hall, Kimpton Brook and the bog, the Pinnacle, and N. Wilmot Road, Greenway trails)

#5 (14) The “loop” – Shindagan Road marsh, Tannery Pond and Timmy Patten beach

#6 (8) The Blackwater River and watershed

#7 (6) Bog Mountain and surrounding bog

### **Question 3 responses**

Residents lived/owned property **0 – 5 yrs**

White Pond area @ Camp Wilmot

Piper Pond area

Rte 4A from Wilmot to Grafton

Rte 4 Wilmot to Danbury

Is the bog off of Rt. 4A adequately protected? (Near Stearns Rd.) It’s a special place.

N. Wilmot Church at corner of Breezy Hill, Piper Pond, & N. Wilmot Roads

The pond off Bunker Hill Road and Bunker Hill cemetery.

The library off N. Wilmot Rd.

The Community Center off N. Wilmot Rd.

The Church (nearest the library) off N. Wilmot Road

I think all parts of Wilmot that have not been developed or populated should be preserved. The politicians will not be happy until all our land is gone then they’ll have something new to place blame on others.

I feel it is important to preserve the small town feel. No chain restaurants, no communication towers, keep the forests and make sure there are nice ponds and places to work and bring a family up in.

Ken Grossman house in Wilmot – Pancake Street. It’s a historical pancake house

May Farm land.

Ford land @ Blackwater River for access across from Johnson's old location.

Bog Mountain

The "loop" Wilmot Flat

There are about 80 acres past the last house on Patterson Road that are for sale. This land is currently being used for hiking, etc. Prime conservation land. Call Dave Babson!!

Winslow State Park

Town beach

Chandler Farm

We should have conserved Old Winslow Road

Greenway through N. Wilmot

N. Wilmot Church

Piper Pond Road and the wetlands around it; including the Pond

Lot 54

Wetlands, North Wilmot, Wilmot Center – areas not yet developed

Mt. Kearsarge and all ridges leading to it

State Forest off Rte. 4A

Pleasant Lake

Kimpton Brook Preserve and watershed

There is so much natural beauty to be enjoyed and shared with wildlife that I feel it should all be cherished and enjoyed. Sorry no specifics.

Wetlands on Shindagan

Kearsarge

top of Cross Hill

waterfall on 4A

I think the answer is a combination of conservation and development. We need both. Instead of maximizing profits in development in some areas and maximizing conservation efforts (actions) in others, blend them together. 20% of the town's land is already in some sort of protection. Lets just be smart about how we handle the rest.

The areas in North Wilmot/farmlands and wild areas near the Danbury line and the areas in the Stearns Rd/Bog Mts. Old N. Wilmot Church also areas in Wilmot Center and 4A. With the pending huge development of the Ragged Mts. Resort area many of these areas are at risk, esp. those closer to the Upper Valley b/c of commuting distances.

The watershed of Cascade Brook from its source on Mt.Kearsarge.

Land in N. Wilmot – especially along Breezy Hill Road, Old North Road and Atwood Road-Camp Wilmot

Land along Tewksbury/Stearns/Sawyer roads – lands owned by Tewksbury family trust and Stearns family

Meadows on Cross Hill Road

Chandler Farm on Kearsarge Mt. Rd.

In N. Wilmot: Cascade Brook watershed, Stearns/Tewksbury Road, Willow Rd. Piper Pond area

Tannery Pond area, Wetland area on Shindagan Rd.

Fields at top of Cross Hill

Area along both sides of Blackwater River and all other streams and ponds

N. Wilmot hiking trails – all hiking trails  
Kearsarge Mt. area  
Vernal pools  
Timothy Patten Park

Residents lived/owned property **6 – 10 years**

All of it – it's our home!  
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Piper Pond and Piper Pond Road  
"Beaver Pond" area on Shindagan Rd.  
Piper Pond  
The "loop" – Shindagan, Cross Hill, Campground, Village  
All of Kearsarge  
Rte 4A  
N. Wilmot Road  
Tewksbury Rd.  
Land owned by the Town  
Current state parks and historical sites  
Elk farm  
Bog behind library and other open areas  
North Wilmot area  
Morse farm (and any farmland)  
Open meadows at top of Cross Hill Road  
Approach to Mt. Kearsarge  
Kearsarge Mt. and the views of it from many areas of town  
Bog Mountain  
Shindagan marsh  
Blackwater River  
Cascade Brook  
Wetlands on corner of Shindagan and Stone Bridge Rds.

Residents lived/owned property **11 – 20 years**

All ponds and lakes and surrounding wetlands!  
The oldest section of town – Rte 4A from Springfield to Andover!! It is our history and our legacy!  
Eagle Pond and west

Still disappointed that the town did not support preserving the Cascade waterfall area when it was available – now totally out of reach

No specific place, but any commercial development should be carefully planned. Some commercial development is necessary for a diversified tax base, but nevertheless should be planned in keeping with the goals of the town.

Dirt Road

Old Winslow Road

Eagle Pond (off Route 4)

Frazier Brook

Walker Brook

Whippoorwill habitats

The property surrounding White Pond now owned by Camp Wilmot

N. Wilmot Road should be designated as a “scenic road” with protection of the trees on either side to a specified distance.

North Wilmot area

Piper Pond area

Marshes on Shindagan Rd., Rte 4A and Bog Mts. area

Stonebridge pond on Shindagan Rd.

Southwest lot at corner of French Rd. and Kearsarge Valley Road

Northeast lot at corner of Kearsarge Valley Road and Kearsarge Mts. Road

All wetlands – bogs

A hiking corridor below the park towards the state park

A “connector” through N. Wilmot linking Gile Forest – Ragged Mtn.

### Residents lived/owned property **21 – 30 years**

N. Wilmot (LaJoie Rd., Hobbs Hill Rd. Atwood Rd.)

Rte 4A from Campground Road north to Wilmot Center – left side of 4A as traveling northwards

Morse/Kear-wood Farm – Richards Road

Kimpton Brook watershed

Blackwater

Tannery Pond

Cascade Brook

Piper Pond/Tewksbury Hill area

Old Chandler Farm fields (Kearsarge Mtn. Rd.) and other farm fields (some in N. Wilmot, too)

Kearsarge mountain

All ponds existing

Mt. Kearsarge and abutting properties, ponds, streams, etc.

Pinnacle Mt.

Kimpton Brook

Bog Mt.

Gile Forest area

There is already enough protected properties in town

Wetlands!! That means set backs from lakes, marshs, stream, brooks, ponds, etc. all!!!

Old Town Hall

Old Town Library

Rural tree canopy roads (they are so beautiful!) once removed they will take 100s of years to return

Town old and new cemeteries

Old North Church in woods

Kearsarge Mtn

Ideally the entire town must be conserved. The Stonebridge is a perfect example of low impact development. We have created a community within a community that has enhanced our town. It also is a good example of the need for vigilance. When the attempt was made to destroy part of the wet lands by removing the beaver dam and killing off the beaver population simply to add land to develop for profit underlines the need for our community to react quickly and effectively against such flagrant abuses.

Shindagan Road marsh

The larger tracts of forested land in N. Wilmot

Mt. Kearsarge

Lakes, ponds streams now existing

Cross Hill area

Wilmot Center to N. Wilmot area

Mtn. area

Kearsarge

N. Wilmot

Cross Hill

I think we are doing a fine job on our own and you people should mind your own  
...business

Old Winslow Road should be declared a historic Rd. Stop the cutting of trees

### Residents lived/owned property **30+ years**

State and fed laws are more than enough

John Morse (Richards Rd)

Tewksbury (Tewksbury Rd.)

undeveloped sections of Mt. Kearsarge

Tannery Pond – Wilmot Flat

The marsh in Wilmot Center

Eagle Pond in E. Wilmot

White Pond and Piper Pond in N. Wilmot

Maybe your land should be taken away and used by the town as public domain

Dick Webb conserved a lot through the Kimpton Brook Preserve back in 1959 – follow his lead

Kearsarge Mtn

Blackwater River and area wetlands

Piper Pond area

I'm not well enough aware of what has been done to date. I favor making it possible for land owners to retain ownership and manage sustainably. Probably that favors tax reduction for certain tracts of land.

Mount Kearsarge area - push the state to keep it open.

Cascade meadows area for the wild life

The Cascades

Clear cutting behind 2A for house lot should not be allowed! It is ruining wildlife protection.

Chase and Tannery ponds

Pine Hill

Hilltops, ridgelines

Slopes on the side of Kearsarge Mt. should be cut as little as possible and carefully to avoid erosion and unsightly bare spots when viewed from a distance

Rural viewscapes

Camp Wilmot -Whites Pond

Agricultural lands/resources

Bog Mtn.

Clough's sugar bush and field -Grace Road

Along the Blackwater and rail trails

## **Ratings of Question 5 responses (How can we achieve our resource-protection goals?)**

79 responses

20 were Planning and Zoning issues (lot size, cluster development, ridgeline protection, condo development, enforcement of regulations)

18 respondents encouraged the Commission to expand its community education attempts (information sessions, newsletter)

7 answers dealt with tax incentives and/or Current Use

## **QUESTION 5 Responses**

### **Residents lived/owned property 0 – 5 years**

Here is an idea I am trying to make happen with my subdivision: If a property that is considered for development has land that is of particular interest to conservation efforts, make a cluster development a requirement, such that areas of open land or forest are left in common under the management of the association and overseen by the conservation committee. This makes the house lots desirable as they are protected from over-development and it raises awareness of these special lands to the residents. It creates more of a community atmosphere with an emphasis on land conservation and preservation. Care should be taken to maintain certain environmental assets such as wild animal corridors, wetlands and migratory plant corridors. This concept could be a tool to maintain the rural nature of our community and manage growth. We do need growth, lets set the stage for good growth and good conservation. (Russ Lunt 387-977)

Creation of town park areas e.g. hiking trails, beaches, greens/open spaces

Limit the number of building permits granted. I would hate to see developers put in a large number of homes on a large parcel of land. When a farm goes on the market, is there some way that the town can preserve this as a farm or open space?

Adopt-a-trail or Adopt-a-road programs

The town needs to keep a watch on its growth. I live in the southern part of the state and the town I live in, and have lived in for more than 20 years, has become a mini-Massachusetts very rapidly. The town can no longer keep up with the needs of its citizens. Seniors are having to move because of extreme increase in taxes. Very sad!

#7 voter approved funds to fund local conservation

The decisions should be left to property owners because the state has enough provisions to protect the land and any more town provisions would be taking land away from property owners.

Scenic (dirt) roads should never be paved no matter how many flatlanders live on that dirt road.

Keep the community informed on all projects. An informed citizen will hopefully support the goals.

Planning now is critical to the conservation of our future. Over-development is one of my worst fears. Zoning laws should be in place now to protect our ridgelines, and over-development of land.

Does it really matter what we as town people think about this as nothing else about our town decisions are asked of us.

Partner with non-profit conservation groups and have clearly defined goals for town planning.

Minimize low income housing. Minimize low income condo's. Multi-family complexes See how other towns pulled it off.

Wilmot has maintained its rural integrity through the thoughtful stewardship of its citizens through the years – if it ain't broke don't fix it.

Lower property tax – live free or die!

Educate the public – relate property value to resource value. For example, if we don't protect vernal pools by thinking about where we build roads and develop land, our eco-indicators (wood frogs) will diminish and we will not perceive environmental degradation in time to intervene. If they diminish, property values go down.

Strong communications with town residents including payment for “development rights.”

The land-use chapter of the town's master plan should include specific language about the importance of and benefit to the town – especially for the long term – of conservation easements.

Enlist cooperation of Planning Board

Educate public by holding info meetings and/or mailings w/examples of towns that took the time and effort to rally to preserve vs. those that did not. Visual examples and real testimonies will help people realize the imp. of land conservation to protect the future generations. Also, it is important to have a wide variety of townfolk represented in the discussion and sharing of info.

Larger house lots – maybe 5 acres each – can only build one house under a certain square footage, maybe 3500? Limit large house building permits to be proportionate to lower income housing.

Building limitations (#of acres = buildable lot size). Help w/planning of new transfer station.

## Residents lived/owned property **6 – 10 years**

Education information – newsletter type

Through land-use regulations and tax incentives (use tax incentives to encourage land/property owners to engage in resource-protection activities.)

Do not allow our land to be “raped” by loggers or private owners. Logging should be controlled (with fines) for improper use, i.e., on a hillside.

Start conservation fund to be used for conservation easement, etc.

Encourage Wilmot Conser. Comm. to establish priority list of conservation goals (based on town input.)

Encourage landowner to adopt conservation measure through tax abatement incentives.

Do not put the town dump on Rt. 4A. It is just beginning to take shape as a beautiful scenic road w/nice homes. This will drive all future upgrades away and devalue our town. It is fine on Rt 11 it is better on a commercial road.

Stop using salt on roads, use alternatives. Detours on roads that are slightly used or residents only.

Set aside money from budget to purchase conservation easement

Encourage planning board to increase lot size from 2 acres to 10 acres.

Constant communication with its people and tax-payers as to what was done, is planning to be done soon, and state of long range conservation planning.

Limit development (on Rt 11). Keep the town dump on 11. Limit all commercial development.

Continue to keep your commission visible as you are doing with info sessions, surveys, news media coverage.

Careful consideration before major construction projects.

Enforce existing regulations/rules more consistently. Lobby the state for lower current use rates and higher penalty (LUCT) for removal. Presently, economics favor developing, rather than conserving. A much larger disparity between tax rates for CU vs. non-CU would help.

Keep the communication lines open. Thanks for your efforts.

## Residents lived/owned property **11 – 20 years**

Use good judgment and recognize that man has to live here too and needs his space. It's not just about the animals and trees and keeping people out. I would hope the Conservation Commission could help w/orderly, well planned development.

Education – people have to realize the consequences of not protecting resources.

Having the Conservation Commission is an excellent start to protecting our resources.

Education for home-owner/landowners is also important – particularly those on wetlands.

If high density uses such as condo are permitted, developers should be required to compensate for high density use with land set aside for conservation.

Education – general public. Conservation does not mean “giving up something for nothing”. Purchase park areas.

Encourage cluster building instead of minimum size building/house lots, with aggregate minimums (such as 2 A. minimum/building for clusters of 10 to 40 homes (20 to 40 Acres))

Regulate Selectmen!

Transfer of development rights (TDR)! Dedication of a % of price of new home sales to conservation fund (as they do in Massachusetts)

Education+++

Other town examples and stories (good and bad)

To look at the whole picture – development means more stress on volunteer fire services/ambulance crews a small hospital – increased volume in schools –more cars etc.  
- same roads

Educate Wilmot residents about what happens in other towns that have failed to be proactive in protecting their resources.

## Residents lived/owned property **21 – 30 years**

Keep the building lot size the same as now – no major “density” housing.

Continue to get community members involved and educated. If we haven’t already, we should have small groups visit neighboring communities to study what has worked and not worked in other towns so that we can continue to be proactive. Our new Community Center would be the perfect place to share this information with the general population. When a property changes hands, mail a copy of the land use ordinances to the new owners.

Keep tree canopys! on rural and dirt roads as well as stone walls, old cemetarys and old dog pound! etc. Also have more faith in homeowners who love Wilmots country living and use “current use” to protect water, wild life, trees, etc., all which keeps our air quality high and pollution very low.

Have a conservation easement informational meeting that’s well advertised.

Beaver and man-made wetlands should not be perpetuated as they are breeders of mosquitos that carry West Nile and Triple E. These types of wetlands should be dried out.

We need zoning – or at least changes. Look at all the town around us!

Not sure we need resource-protection goals. Continue current use program to enable residents to afford the taxes larger tracts of land.

Preserve current land use laws!

Longer hunting seasons on plentiful game. Shorter hunting seasons on scarce game.

If people wish to give their land to the town or conservation that is fine but one thing we don’t want in Wilmot is a bunch of tree huggers taking people’s rights away for their own agenda.

Educate the landowners by their choice. No costs to the town. Leave peoples properties alone.

Get the Planning Board to really look at plans to make sure good/adequate erosion control/resource protection plans are spelled out and followed. The construction phase is where a lot of damage can be done. Also consider greater setbacks from wetlands.

None.

Setback from roads should be increased – good example of an eyesore is the trailer on the corner at Atwood and Hobbs Hill Rds.

I am very concerned about the over building of homes in Wilmot

You could start by finding some evidence that would support your goals in the first place. State, Zoning and Planning boards regulate too much already, we need no more.

## Residents lived/owned property **30+years**

Stay like we are – NO CONDOS

Got to get the word out. Plan an event of interest to all ages. Ask for land donations to build a park, etc.

Close the Elkins Fish and Game Clubs shooting range! Maybe they could find a place in New London for it.

Create a map of land currently in conservation easement or other forms of protected status. There is a program in Maine called “Beginning with Habitat” sponsored by Maine Audubon, which is very helpful.

Really support existing Zoning Restrictions. A saw mill was allowed to be placed in a residential area, to the detriment of everyone but the owner. The result, of course, is noise, traffic, damage to dirt roads, and an increase in trash thrown by workers on the roads.

Increase minimum building lot size drastically. Limit number of yearly building permits. Pay token “subsidies” to landowners who maintain undeveloped fields.

Leave Wilmot alone

Map out and develop hiking and skiing trails near town, for everyone’s use.

Your goals should be to mind your own business, and you will stay busy all the time.

(Further notations from this person: #6: Stop making Wilmot like New London – and #7: If you’re so worried about it pay for it yourself.)

Identify resource for protection – what, where, why?

Prohibit clear cutting of forest land. Require timber harvest be done environmentally correctly – i.e., soft woods in seed year – protect young growth

Budget each year for easement and/or outright land acquisition.

Let the property owners do as they please

Education.

State and Federal laws more than enough.