

Major Points thus far.

- We must take great care to protect our lakes, our trails, Mt. Pisgah, and other treasured natural resources so that they may be enjoyed today and long into the future. The quality of our lives in Winthrop is dependant upon the quality of our environment.
- We strongly support economic development in the downtown and propose the expansion of the downtown to the Royal Street area.
- We support mixed use development in the downtown with affordable housing, light manufacturing, boutique stores, art, office space, restaurants, a coffee shop, recreation-based stores, and things to do like movies or bowling. We support the idea of housing above retail or office space in the downtown.
- We support increased housing densities where there is sewer and water; specifically in the Greenwood Ave. area, Highland Ave. area, and the parts of Old Lewiston Road and Turkey Lane that are close to town. We believe these are wonderful neighborhoods where young families would gladly buy if able to.
- We strongly encourage further development of the Winthrop Commerce Center; retail, office, and workforce and senior housing. We also encourage further development of the Winthrop Area Business Park and other appropriate commercial areas along 202.
- We support greater flexibility to allow a homeowner to build an apartment with its own entrance within the existing footprint of a house. This would provide more affordable housing options within the community and would allow some to continue to live in their homes longer than they could under the current restrictions. This contained new unit could be rented to non-relatives.
- We believe Winthrop has a unique opportunity to grow and support a recreational economy that takes advantage of its many pristine lakes, rustic trails, and beloved Mt. Pisgah.
- We support a philosophy of sustainability were families who have sufficient land should be able to have a market garden and small farm animals for their own consumption.
- We support the development of trails for recreational use throughout the community.
- We support the protection of some quiet spaces where the public is welcome to walk or cross country ski, where machine noise levels are limited, where nature can be enjoyed by all. Suggestions are: Carlton Pond, Nancy's Bog, Berry's Pond, and Little Cobbossee on the north side near 202.
- We support the protection of large open space especially where there is significant biodiversity.
- We support a town-based effort to inventory, protect, and display our history and historical affects.
- We support the protection of small farms and working forests.
- We recommend limited town resources be allocated to help support significant community events during every season similar to the Winthrop Art Show. Suggestions include sailboat races, an ice fishing tournament, ice sailing, a foot race up Mt. Pisgah, organized bike rides from lake to lake.
- We support the continued planned maintenance of local roads and best practice training for private road associations so that they can know how to best protect the lakes impacted by private roads.
- We support the idea of a creative arts center where artists could have inexpensive studios to rent and where they can regularly show and market their arts.
- We support the building of a new fire station to protect our families, our homes, and our community. We support the expansion of the Bailey Library.
- We believe there should be a planned marketing and communication effort for Winthrop and the region and that we should work with our neighboring communities in this effort.