**Comprehensive Planning Committee**

**And Housing Action Subcommittee**

Celebrate Bowdoinham Tabling Summary

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1. Flip chart pages taped to the table tops for people to add their input. Transcribed below
2. Three options on sandwich boards to vote on ideas; 2 for housing, 1 for rural activities. Photos of sandwich boards below.

**Give Us Your Land Use Ideas**

* Trails for Walking, Biking, Cross country skiing in addition to land for ATV/Snowmobiling
* A balance of housing with land as well as multi-family units. People of all incomes deserve a place to live. (YES!)
  + Up to 3 stories
  + 6-8 units
* Additional rules for sub-developments are okay
* NOT OKAY Additional rules for where we can build on our own properties
* Expand village districts
* Affordable housing is more important than recreation
* Community green space for families
* More affordable housing
* Recreation is important too, for mind/body/spirit

**Housing ideas**

* Prefer sharing vertical walls
* Duplex with ground floor unit
* Cottage Community (Yes x 3)
  + Affordable
  + 1 or 2 bedrooms for both older community members and other families
  + Front porches, small decks
* Focus density in the village with more flexible options
* Outside village
  + More housing while protecting access to natural resources and farmland
* Tiny or small house neighborhood (Yes x 2)
* Empty lot in the middle of town is a great site
* Flat land around fire department – is that an option?
* Prevent subdivision bylaws from prohibiting renting in the subdivisions – affordable rentals are needed
* Love ideas o more housing, ADUs, denser housing BUT concerns are
  + How can we help make sure these properties have a chance of being owned by families who live in the houses? (and pay taxes, ??? businesses) instead of corporate landlords, Air BnB, Vacationers?





