

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Woodbury Middle School

PUBLIC FORUM #2

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

AGENDA

7:30 Welcome and Introductions, Purpose of the Meeting

7:35 Background Information

Population Data

Population Projections and Buildout Data

School Enrollment Projections

Survey Results

1999 POCD Goals and Recommendations

Municipal Campus Plan

7:50 General Discussion

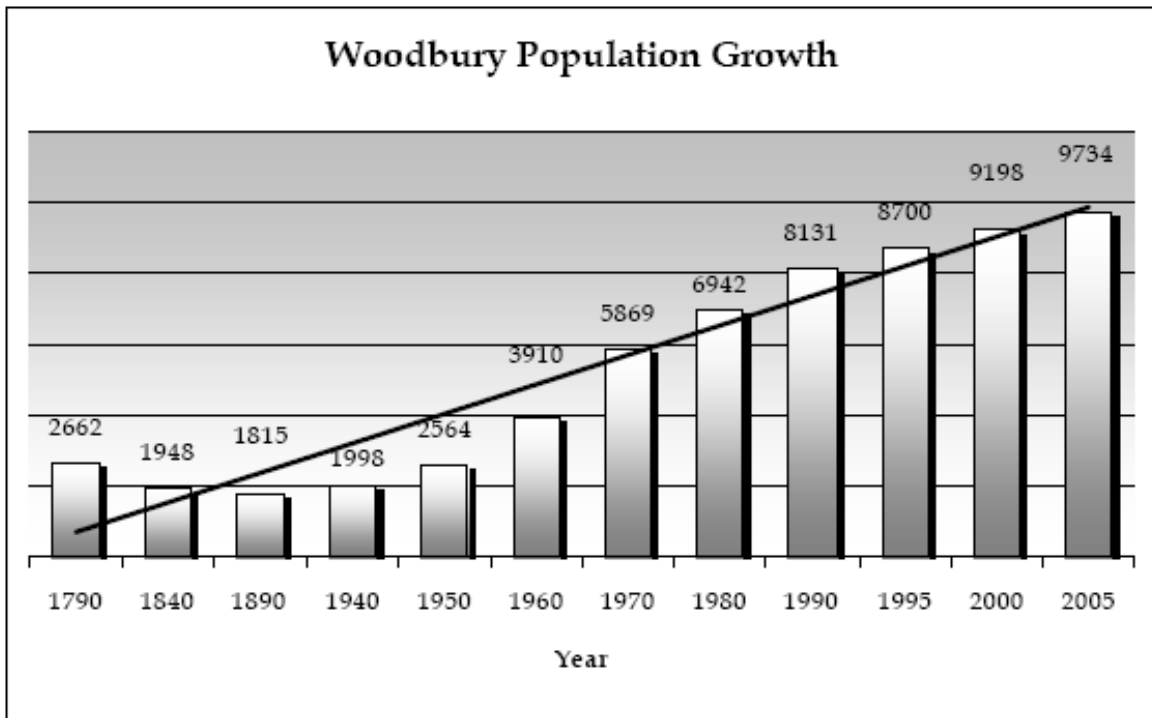
SWOT Analysis

8:50 Wrap-Up

POPULATION DATA

Woodbury's Growth	
Year	Population
1950	2564
1960	3910
1970	5869
1980	6942
1990	8131
1995	8700
2000	9198
2005	9734

Source: US Census



Source: US Census; Connecticut DHS

Recent Births

2002	95
2003	102
2004	90
2005	76
2006	84
2007	71

Source: Town Clerk

New Dwelling Units (All Single Family)

Year	Units
1998	76
1999	44
2000	43
2001	49
2002	51
2003	59
2004	36
2005	38
2006	22
2007	27
Total	445
Average	44.5

Source: US Census

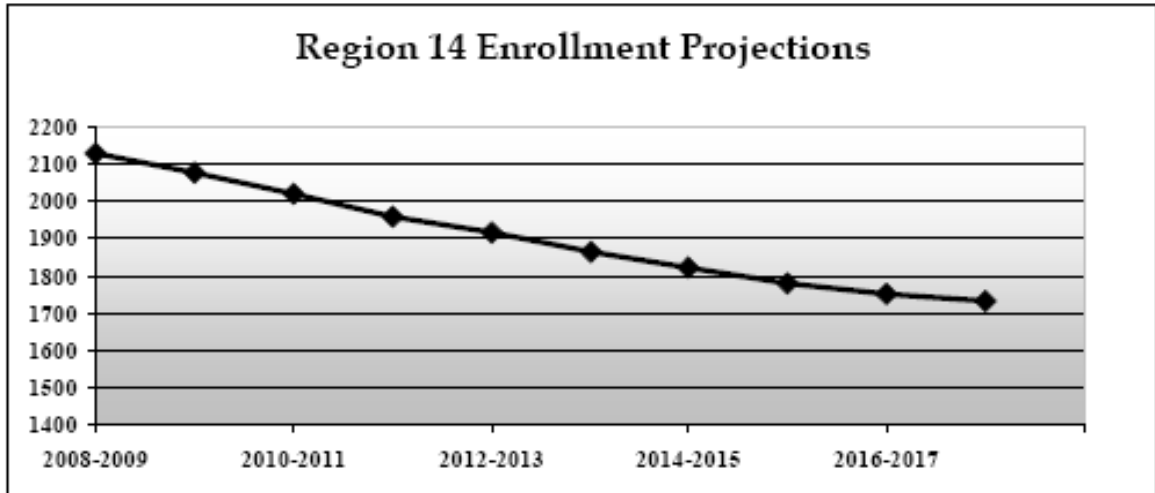
Woodbury Population Projections	
Year	Population
2010	10,170
2015	10,653
2020	11,125
2025	11,616
2030	12,039

Source: Connecticut State Data Center

Woodbury Buildout Population		
	Population at Buildout	Additional Population
Mathematic Approach	15,440	5,704
GIS Approach	16,320	6,590
Community Viz	14,560	4,830

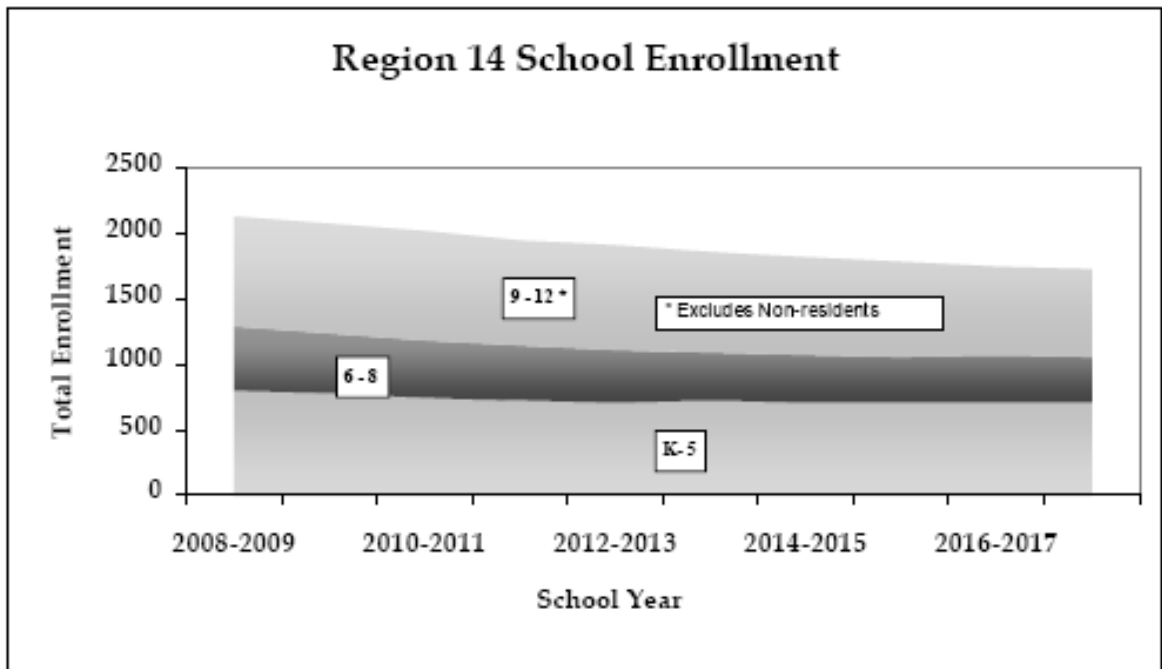
Source: CNVCOG

Figure 7



Source: Connecticut State Department of Education, November 11, 2007

Figure 8



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Survey Questions

Municipal Facilities and Services

25. The current Woodbury Public Library is adequate for the Town's needs.

Strongly Agree: <u>66</u>	Agree: <u>127</u>	Disagree: <u>56</u>	Strongly Disagree: <u>26</u>	Blank: <u>2</u>
23.8%	45.8%	20.2%	9.4%	0.7%

26. Woodbury needs a new public library.

Strongly Agree: <u>33</u>	Agree: <u>59</u>	Disagree: <u>177</u>	Strongly Disagree: <u>6</u>	Blank: <u>2</u>
11.9%	21.3%	63.9%	2.2%	0.7%

27. I would be willing to pay more in property taxes annually to pay for a new public library.

Strongly Agree: <u>25</u>	Agree: <u>63</u>	Disagree: <u>71</u>	Strongly Disagree: <u>117</u>	Blank: <u>1</u>
9.0%	22.7%	25.6%	42.2%	0.4%

28. Woodbury provides adequate facilities for recreation.

Strongly Agree: <u>55</u>	Agree: <u>101</u>	Disagree: <u>84</u>	Strongly Disagree: <u>36</u>	Blank: <u>1</u>
19.9%	36.5%	30.3%	13.0%	0.4%

29. The first priority for additional or improved recreational facilities should be (select one):

Athletic Fields: <u>40</u>	Tennis Courts: <u>29</u>	Swimming Pool: <u>47</u>	Indoor Recreation Hall: <u>28</u>
14.4%	10.5%	17.0%	10.1%
Walking Paths and Trails: <u>99</u>	Other (specify): <u>19</u>	Blank: <u>15</u>	
35.7%	6.9%	5.4%	

30. The next highest priority for recreational facilities should be (select one):

Athletic Fields: <u>32</u>	Tennis Courts: <u>41</u>	Swimming Pool: <u>37</u>	Indoor Recreation Hall: <u>46</u>
11.6%	14.8%	13.4%	16.6%
Walking Paths and Trails: <u>64</u>	Other (specify): <u>25</u>	Blank: <u>32</u>	
23.1%	9.0%	11.6%	

31. I would be willing to pay more in property taxes to pay for new and improved recreational facilities.

Strongly Agree: <u>46</u>	Agree: <u>105</u>	Disagree: <u>58</u>	Strongly Disagree: <u>62</u>	Blank: <u>6</u>
16.6%	37.9%	20.9%	22.4%	2.2%

32. Woodbury's roads are well maintained and meet the Town's needs.

Strongly Agree: <u>69</u>	Agree: <u>172</u>	Disagree: <u>29</u>	Strongly Disagree: <u>4</u>	Blank: <u>3</u>
24.9%	62.1%	10.5%	1.4%	1.1%

33. Land Use regulations and procedures are effective and efficient.

Strongly Agree: <u>21</u>	Agree: <u>132</u>	Disagree: <u>70</u>	Strongly Disagree: <u>28</u>	Blank: <u>26</u>
7.6%	47.7%	25.3%	10.1%	9.4%

34. Adequate social and community services are provided by the Town.

Strongly Agree: <u>42</u> 15.2%	Agree: <u>165</u> 59.6%	Disagree: <u>47</u> 17.0%	Strongly Disagree: <u>14</u> 5.1%	Blank: <u>9</u> 3.2%
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35. Programs and services for seniors in Woodbury are adequate.

Strongly Agree: <u>105</u> 37.9%	Agree: <u>137</u> 49.5%	Disagree: <u>9</u> 3.2%	Strongly Disagree: <u>9</u> 3.2%	Blank: <u>17</u> 6.1%
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36. Programs and services for Woodbury youth are adequate.

Strongly Agree: <u>32</u> 11.6%	Agree: <u>100</u> 36.1%	Disagree: <u>77</u> 27.8%	Strongly Disagree: <u>40</u> 14.4%	Blank: <u>28</u> 10.1%
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Priorities

37. Rank the following issues in order of importance (1 = highest importance 9 = lowest importance - use each ranking only once) to the Town over the next 10 - 20 year planning period:

	RANK
➤ Housing Availability and Affordability	<u>1</u>
➤ Public Safety and Security	<u>3</u>
➤ Environment/Energy (air, water, energy conservation, land use, etc.)	<u>6</u>
➤ Business Development	<u>2</u>
➤ Municipal Facilities (schools, recreation, offices, library, roads, etc.)	<u>4</u>
➤ Land Conservation (recreation, farms, ecological diversity, vistas, etc.)	<u>7</u>
➤ Historic Preservation	<u>5</u>
➤ Quality of Life (recreation, culture, community character, sense of place, etc.)	<u>8</u>
➤ Other (specify) _____	<u>NA</u>

38. Assuming that \$1000 of the annual property taxes you pay to the Town of Woodbury are applied to the following non-educational expenses, allocate that \$1000 based on your preferences:

	RANK	AVERAGE
➤ Police, Fire, and Emergency Protection	<u>1</u>	<u>230</u>
➤ Recreation	<u>4</u>	<u>126</u>
➤ Public Works	<u>3</u>	<u>152</u>
➤ Library	<u>5</u>	<u>109</u>
➤ Social Services & Senior Services	<u>7</u>	<u>96</u>
➤ Open Space and Parks	<u>2</u>	<u>174</u>
➤ General Government Services and Regulation	<u>6</u>	<u>104</u>

1999 POCD

COMMUNITY FACILITY GOALS

- ♦ Woodbury should provide desired and needed community facilities and services to its residents in a timely, efficient, and cost effective manner.
- ♦ Develop a detailed space assessment for Town office needs for the next 10-20 years and prepare a plan for the orderly expansion of Town facilities in a central location.

RECOMMENDATIONS

During the past 10 years the Town's most significant physical plants – Town offices, the senior center, the library and its schools – experienced the three R's: redecorating, reorganization and renovations. The only new construction reported by Town departments and commissions was limited to the transfer station and recycling center, and construction of a service/concession building and athletic field at Hollow Park. Two common threads were cited as reasons for lack of implementation of other proposed improvements or expansion plans: budget constraints (including lack of public support for bond issues) and uncertainty about how to organize functions and configurations of the facilities located on the current Town Hall complex property. These same two issues will be critical to addressing the needs identified for the next ten years.

In order to address its future demands for community facilities the Town should examine the assessment of anticipated needs prepared by the boards and commissions, establish priorities and perform feasibility analyses to determine cost versus benefits. A starting point would be:

- F1. Assemble a computerized base of information on the physical attributes of all Town-owned properties.
- F2. As a matter of policy, examine each of the Town's public facilities and consider how the Town can gain the most benefits from existing and/or new facilities. This could involve adding compatible facilities at existing sites, more flexibility in the use of school or other Town facilities, community reuse of surplus buildings or property, and considering multiple needs when investing in new facilities.
- F3. Seek to acquire additional property in the Route 6 corridor as locations for expanded government or community facilities, e.g. next to the Hollow or the Strong property.

- F4. Examine constructing a community center with provisions for programs and services to all age groups, bringing the community together to interact.
- F5. Continue to monitor, schedule and support adequate budgets for maintenance activities as a means to increase the life of Town facilities.
- F6. Consider recreation needs and consult with the Park and Recreation Commission when acquiring major open space.
- F7. Work with the Flanders Nature Center and organizations such as The Trust for Public Land and the Housatonic Valley Association to identify techniques and funding options for Town acquisition of open space, development rights, or conservation easements.
- F8. Work jointly with other towns in the region to seek funding for multi-town projects such as the Pomperaug River Greenway or the Nonnewaug Falls conservation area.

Table 4
Summary of Anticipated Physical Improvements
1998-2008

Public Building Commission

1. Relocate police facility
2. New/adequate Community Center
3. New Public Works building(s)
4. More Town Office parking
5. Useable recreational fields
6. Disposition of existing police facility building

Regional School District No. 14

1. Facility maintenance
2. Elementary School space

Woodbury Public Library

1. Increased parking
2. Expanded shelf, storage and workstation space for electronic media
3. Areas designed to accommodate needs of different age groups, e.g. seniors, very young children, etc.
4. Study space, lounge seating
5. Large meeting room

Public Works Department (Facilities)

1. Additional equipment storage
2. Office space
3. Enlarge/update vehicle maintenance
4. Enclose winter maintenance materials area
5. Hollow Park parking
6. Additional recreation areas
7. Additional Town Office parking

Public Works Department (Roads)

1. Reconstruction, paving, drainage improvements on local roads: Flanders Road, Middle Road Turnpike, Old Sherman Hill/Middle Quarter, Transylvania Road, Brushy Hill Road, Sawpit Hill Road, Laurel Woods Road, Edward Avenue, and Raitree Hill Road.

Elderly Services

1. Expanded Senior Center (new or renovated) or space in a multi-purpose Community Center.

Board of Selectmen

1. Additional office space for Probate
2. Relocate Senior Center
3. Relocate Police
4. Expand Park and Recreation
5. Relocate Public Works
6. Town purchase of open space

Board of Fire Commissioners/Fire Department

1. Satellite fire house, south end of Town, other side of river
2. Implement fire ponds
3. Replace Engine #8
4. Satellite station, north end of Town
5. New roof on Emergency Services Building

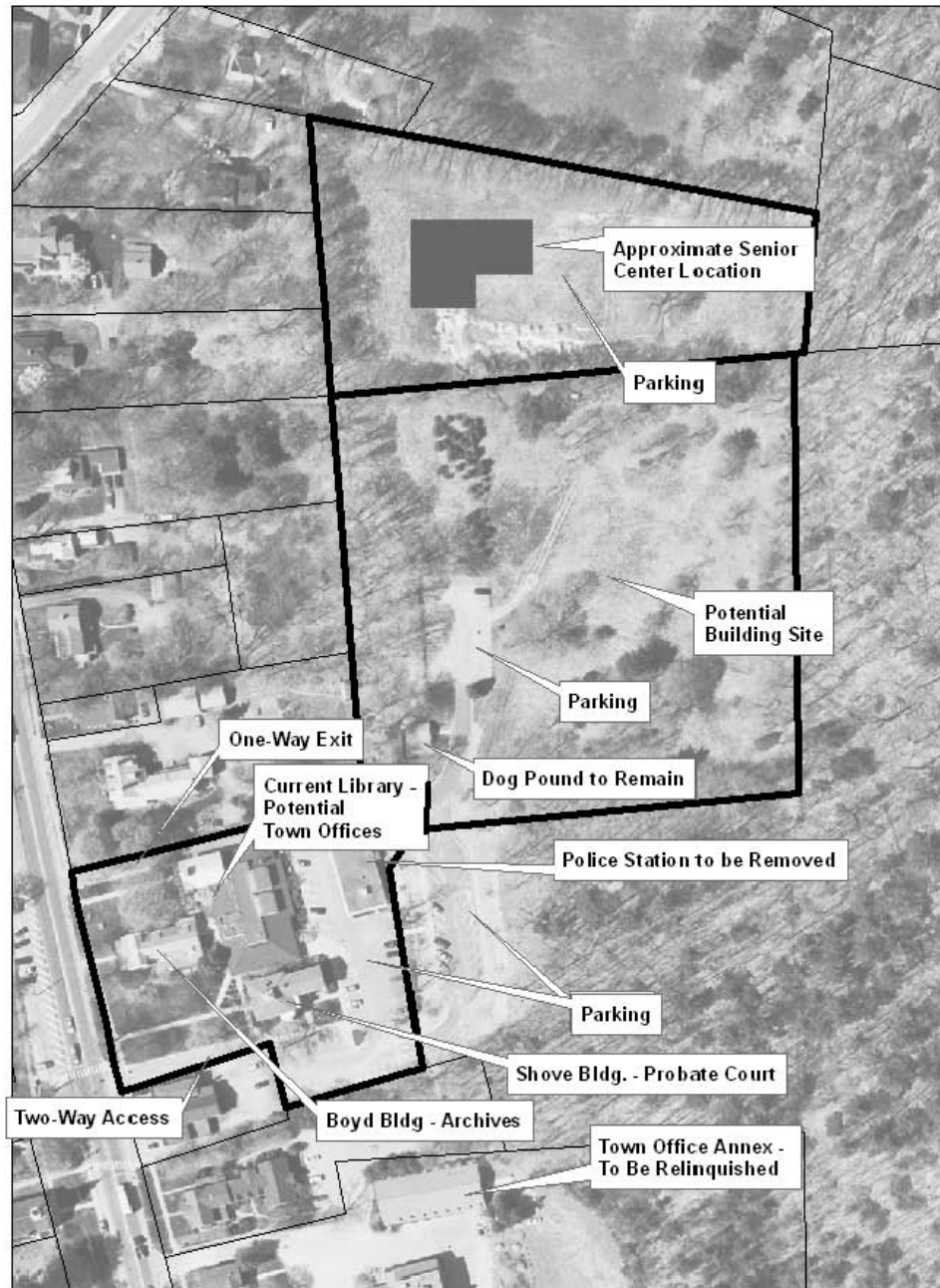
Park and Recreation Commission

1. Community Center (all ages) including community pool
2. Additional park land owned by the Town and under Park and Recreation Department jurisdiction for active and passive recreation opportunities
3. Additional staffing

Here's Woodbury – Information About Our Town

Figure 25

0 75 150 300 Feet



Woodbury Municipal Campus Plan

Woodbury Land Use Office
September 2007