

Neighborhood Meeting #4 – meeting summary

Concerned over high-density development on Home Place due to impacts on aquifer protection zone, drainage, impacts on existing homes

Concerned that Home Place project will create through road

When is second phase of the Bay Park drainage work going to take place?

Why is the Town responsible for doing drainage work in Bay Park? Why isn't the developer fixing the problems?

When building in wet areas, building should be raise higher.

When the Cathance River Bridge was fixed last year, why wasn't it widened to provide a sidewalk on one side? This is important at the Head of Tide Park.

The roads leading to Head of Tide Park are narrow and have no provisions for pedestrians which will become more important as the Park is used more.

Speeding is an issue at the Head of Tide Park area, the road is narrow, it dips down to the bridge and there are sharp curves on both sides.

Can we lower the speed limit at the bridge?

Could be paint white lines along the sides of Cathance Road leading to the bridge to help slow vehicles down?

The dip in the road leading to the Cathance Bridge is dangerous, especially in the winter, and the Town doesn't do a good job maintaining this area during the winter.

Maintenance on Cathance is very good up until the railroad tracks, and then it deteriorates

There are frequent power outages along Cathance – 10 per year or more – some related to accidents, but many not

Police Dept. does a good job responding to this area for speeding concerns and emergencies

The Topsham Library is something we do great

Poor quality internet service in places (Pleasant Point Road)

The library is closed on Mondays because they don't have enough staff

It is getting harder to keep the library services at current levels without increasing budgets

How are Speed Limits established?

Why does MeDOT have a role in speed limits?

Head of Tide Park – the Town and others have done a great job

Do the number of accidents in an area lead to lower speeds?

Traffic calming measures can be used to lower speeds

Has the town considered speed tables on Pleasant St. to slow vehicles?

Will the Town be installing a crosswalk on Cathance by Head of Tide Park? Will there be warning signs?

Speed is an issue everywhere

I support the Bike Path Connections in town and to Brunswick

I support the Lower Village park ideas and redevelopment

I support the Library – usage is up as is financial support

The Town has some great open spaces – we should be looking for more and ways to preserve them

We do the Library great

We do Parks and Recreation great – great community resource

This meeting is a very good idea

At what point is public involvement in the budget process the most effective?

A town facebook page is a good idea – that is how I learned about tonight's meeting

On behalf of older residents, is there anything we as a town can do to help them with property taxes?

Public Works does a great job.

How can we change Town Meeting to get higher participation?

The Town needs to expand its commercial sector to help keep property taxes lower

Why can't the west side of I-295 be developed?

Why can't zoning on the west side be changed to encourage development?

Are there any rules on target shooting?

What are the rules on hunting and shooting?

Has the town considered an RSS Feed Blog?

Thank you for this type of meeting – it will help me get involved

How will information from these meetings be shared and passed along?

How will we know what the Town is doing to address the issues raised?

Bowdoinham has a newsletter that goes out 6 times a year – perhaps you should talk to the Town Manager there and find out how they do it.

Meetings like this help to establish, and re-establish community

There is a lack of boat ramp access to the Androscoggin in Topsham – is the Town looking to address this?

Water access is limited

Could the town do more to promote hunting/fishing in Merrymeeting Bay?

Could the town sponsor hunter safety, basic firearms or archery programs?