

TOWN OF TOWNSEND VISIONING SURVEY RESULTS

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Imagine if you left the county for 20 years and then returned, what would you hope to see?

Natural Resources/Cultural & Historic Resources

- Additional town parks w/picnic areas
- Indoor concert (arts) building
- Some existing buildings restored for historical purposes
- Great forests
- Healthy lakes and rivers
- Logging history park
- Preserve the scenic north woods
- Maintain water quality
- More biking and hiking trails
- Preserve Quartz Hill area
- Protect woodlands and water resources
- Better signage for existing parks (e.g. Cathedral pines, Ogden)
- Cathedral Pines should still exist
- Sewer and water in operation
- Much public land
- Much natural shoreline (restored)
- Native American history park
- Program to help preserve lakes
- Preserve forest lands
- No billboards
- Control any new mining

Land Planning & Development

- Minimum 1 acre lot size for residential
- Maintaining existing National Forest
- Subdivision would allow room for parks and easements
- Create a town square
- 10 acres minimum lot size individual homes – outside of designated housing areas
- Min 150 foot off roads for houses
- Coordinate our efforts with US Forest Service
- Use subdivisions to control clusters
- Give no variances for closer to water
- Industrial park area
- All new lots would be no smaller than 1 acre
- Designate a retail zone
- Cluster housing
- Reduce sprawl
- Zoning for types of housing
- New plots – minimum 1 acre lots
- Enforce existing setbacks
- Give few variances for closer to road

- No condominiums on water
- Purchase land for parks, schools, etc.
- Ordinance to control junk in yards
- More septic testing
- Have development plan before rezone
- Regulate new mining – gravel
- Ordinance to control unlicensed vehicles
- Ordinance controlling parking of trailers and cares
- Tighter shoreland zoning

Commerce & Industry

- Additional small variety shops
- Small industry needs to be attracted to area
- Use natural resources for employment
- Develop industrial park
- Require sand and gravel mining to restore land one mining is over
- Set aside treatment area
- Promote small industry
- Develop industrial park
- Variety of lodging including condos
- The town would acquire some land to promote industrial parks or strip malls
- More employment in recreation
- Industries must be “green”
- Promote industry – new and large
- Build treatment site
- Viable job opportunities

Community Services

- Central water/sewer for downtown area
- Area set aside for future school
- Our own high school
- A new fire department
- Sewage disposal plan and district
- Elderly and handicapped services
- Law enforcement division
- Maintain both volunteer fire and rescue units with community support
- Keep satellite office – police and permits
- Develop internet service
- Relocating town hall and fire department with buildings that blend in with environment
- Sewer and water in working
- A new town hall and garage
- Full-time paramedics
- Water district
- Municipal court system
- Expanded medical services
- School district – grade school
- Develop sewer system
- NWTC availability to Townsend

- Aging resources
- Library
- Keep working with 9 towns
- More services in satellite office
- Install sewer system
- Aging home – village
- Finish Town Hall/Fire Department Plan
- Community court system with enforcer to enforce local ordinances
- More Sheriff's presence in northern cluster
- More utility plans

Housing

- Designated area for multi-family housing (apartments)
- Affordable housing
- Zoning for types of houses
- Housing in clusters
- No condos on water
- Oconto to make permits easier
- Slowly move housing away from water – no variances for closer to water
- Presence of assisted living home facility and nursing home
- Elderly and handicapped
- Limits on lot sizes
- Promote new housing – not remodeling
- Minimum square footage for new houses
- Minimum lot size – 1 acre
- More assisted living

Transportation/Roads & Highways

- Town roads need to be kept in good condition
- No more dead end roads
- Roads with shoulder for bikes
- Use more asphalt
- Limit dead end roads
- The town would budget for more road work to bring up to better condition
- Highway 32 bypass Townsend
- Bus service to Rhinelander and Green Bay
- All roads asphalt
- Maintain and develop good road system including multi-modal trails

Agriculture/Farming

- I see this as phasing out in Townsend but a community garden area would be nice
- Not an ag area – do not encourage clearing land of trees
- No mega farms
- Limit mega farms
- 2007 – only three farms left. May not be any in town in 20 years
- Tax incentive to small farms
- Regulate manure spreading
- Maintain health of logging industry

Recreation

- better developed and signed boat landings
- Continued development of ATV/snowmobile trails
- Tennis court
- Increase in fish population in lakes
- Snowmobile/ATV
- Improved ATV and snowmobile trails
- Preserve pristine areas and create more
- Promote DNR grant for help for fish habitat
- Work close with Lake Associations
- Enforce 35 foot no cut rules from water
- Walking/bicycle trail system
- Continued up keep and fish stocking of lakes
- Public swimming facility
- Hiking and biking
- Town park – one on a lake
- Enforce existing no wake rules
- Enforce DNR dock rules on water
- Promote DNR grant for help for fish planting
- Promote Aquatic weed control systems
- More recreation/bike trails