

Survey Results

1. Do you agree that Hillsborough needs more places where clubs and local civic groups can meet year-round?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 68 | 89.4% |
| No | 7 | 9.2% |
| No Responses | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

2. Do you feel that local businesses and nonprofit groups would benefit by there being a community center in town that they could use?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 69 | 90.7% |
| No | 6 | 7.8% |
| No Responses | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

3. Do you think the town needs senior social events and a senior meals program in a reliable, safe, and welcoming location?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 69 | 90.7% |
| No | 7 | 9.2% |
| No Responses | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

4. Would you or someone you know be likely to participate in planting and harvesting from a community garden?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 56 | 73.6% |
| No | 20 | 26.3% |
| No Responses | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

5. Would you or someone you know take a cooking class if it were offered for free or at low cost?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 55 | 72.3% |
| No | 20 | 26.3% |
| No Responses | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

6. Would you or someone you know participate in an adult local sports league such as basketball, swimming, or volleyball?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 57 | 75.0% |
| No | 19 | 25.0% |
| No Responses | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

7. Are the arts important to you? For example, do you like to see art installations, theatrical plays, music concerts, and dance recitals?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes, I enjoy these things as often as I can | 31 | 40.7% |
| I appreciate the arts | 30 | 39.4% |
| The arts aren't important to me, but my family and friends enjoy them | 12 | 15.7% |
| I don't enjoy arts and entertainment | 3 | 3.9% |
| No Responses | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

8. Would you like to see entertainment such as music recitals, dance, and plays in town?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 64 | 84.2% |
| No | 11 | 14.4% |
| No Responses | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

9. Do you think our town could use a public indoor pool that could be used year-round for public swim, classes, family swim, and laps?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 66 | 86.8% |
| No | 9 | 11.8% |
| No Responses | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

10. Would you use an indoor walking track during inclement weather?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 53 | 69.7% |
| No | 23 | 30.2% |
| No Responses | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

11. Would you like to see a children's playground on site?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 57 | 75.0% |
| No | 18 | 23.6% |
| No Responses | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

12. Would children's summer camps and before/after school care be something you or someone you know would utilize?

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 50 | 65.7% |
| No | 25 | 32.8% |
| No Responses | 1 | 1.3% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

13. Would you be likely to volunteer at the Center regularly or irregularly throughout the year? (This could be from volunteering daily to a few hours whenever you can).

| | Number of Response(s) | Response Ratio |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Yes | 57 | 75.0% |
| No | 19 | 25.0% |
| No Responses | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 76 | 100% |

14. On a scale of 1 to 10, do you feel that Hillsborough, New Hampshire needs a multi-use community center that is not funded by taxpayer dollars?

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| Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option. | I don't want to see this in town. | | | | | I really think we need this |
| | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 57 |
| | 5% | 1% | 3% | 7% | 9% | 75% |

15. We'd appreciate hearing your thoughts and opinions about this project. Whether you are excited by the thought, or have reservations, we'd like to learn more.

40 Response(s)

I would be honored to help in any capacity I can

No reservations! I would volunteer to design a youth basketball program. Outside basketball courts would be awesome, along with one indoor court.

I am excited, feel very sad about our town, and look forward to the day when your planned facility breaks ground. If you need steering committee members, I hope you will consider my interest.

Movie nights would be a plus.

Another idea trying to put the cart before the horse.

This seems like a multi million dollar facility that is grossly out of proportion to the size of this community

I think it is important to incorporate/ include programs or facilities that already exist. For example, no need to make another playground because we already have one, and summer programs at Manahan

In the past some groups have started projects and promised the town they would not ask for taxpayer dollars, but in the end they always have. That's a roadblock you will need to get through.

I really like this idea and I will be available for help. But these questions are a bit leading and I do think that the town should be helping to fund this project.

I love the ideas and would also like to see other indoor sports in town like soccer and/or batting cages.

I LOOOOOOVE This. Having grown up in Hillsboro and now living here as an adult I could appreciate a community center at all ages. Love. Love. Love. Love. How does one get involved in this project? Can you post that your page so if people want to help we can?

A center like this has been greatly needed in the Hillsborough community for decades and I feel it would not only bring growth to the residents and businesses in the community, but to the surrounding towns as well if they were to have access to the community center.

This should include Deering residents as well.

The school and Grime's field both have playgrounds. How about a trail that has outdoor physical activity challenges to do; chin ups, sit ups?

I would love to see a community center. Claremont has an amazing one. A pool would be a huge asset!

A volleyball league for younger kids would be a great feeder program for the high school team.

I personally probably wouldn't use this said facility very much. However, I feel it could be beneficial to the town to have a facility like this in town. Thank you for your time and effort.

The turn out at this would be so low for the Deering residents it wasn't even worth my time filling this out. Hard NO!

First of all I thought this was suppose to be for Hillsboro and Deering, but yet all I see is about Hillsboro. And I feel they have plenty to do. Hillsboro is a small town, not a big city like Nashua, Concord and Manchester. Stop trying to turn small cities into a big one.

Taxes never go down. Let's preserve small towns by preserving the land and not taking tax payer money to create some fake feeling of community. Move to Bedford.

Is Deering going to be fully involved or is Hillsboro going to dictate what Deering residents can and cannot use it for.

This has been needed for years , and very badly needed ! In this town, i also believe that the elected officials of the town could do more to support our youth and seniors. Would like to be a part of the development.

Having a summer camp for children would be amazing! As a full-time working mother, the current local options for summer child-care is very minimal, and not overly convenient! Your vision seems like something we've been lacking for so long, we are excited to see this grow!

I believe that the town of Hillsboro could benefit tremendously with a community center. I also would like to see a bulk/plastic free store here in town as well. This would go well with a community garden where residents could help tend to the garden, create a community compost, and receive free/low cost fresh produce!

These are all great ideas. I often sit back and think of how I could make it more possible for things to do in this area...

Thinking about all the adults and young adults who may be looking for something fun to or interested in doing...without having to travel. Also, thinking of things for the youths and toddlers to do for positive interaction.

I would like to see this in our town. I would be willing to volunteer when I am able.

I would love to support in help in the development of a recreation center for children in the summer. There is a high need for it within the community. The other offering within town only runs certain days for different ages and is weather dependant. I am a director qualified early childhood educator

I highly encourage your proposal and would absolutely like to see this come to life for our small community! Further more I would very much like to be a part of this in any way I possibly could . I send you the Best wishes and encouragement in this journey

Everyone focuses on youth, or elderly. I think we also need to consider people that have children in college, or the 40-60 year range, to keep the middle aged core in this town.

Senior center, Rec center 4 kids under age 14, town meetings, place 4 voting, town events, town entertainment, rent a hall, boy/girl scouts of America, child play groups, Lion's club + other clubs, place 4 all town offices, Teen Genesis, function hall, place for adult classes. To name a few out of many ideas. One Community Center for all!

Hi just, wanted to say that a community center is a good idea but I am not sure how businesses would utilize this. Clubs yes, seniors yes. A pool would work. One person I know needs a place for her young daughter to rehearse her dance. Just not sure you would be able to have the space for a big enough stage for plays. I would like a real theatre

Lots of local competitive dancers need to travel 40+ minutes away to practice. This would be a great asset.

I'd love to hel. Especially on the senior side of things. I've worked w the elderly my entire career, started at a senior center, managed the meals on wheels program, etc

Would it be operated as a non- profit?

Would activities be affordable for Hillsboro residents?

Would it provide space for a weekly farmers marketplace?

Would suggest it also provide for guest speakers.

Should be geared towards adults and NOT be a daycare or teen center hangout.

Checkout spinnaker point in Portsmouth

Start small and then add on. Taking on more than a small town can support could cause the project to fail.

Best idea ever for Hillsborough. I've said I wish I had the financial means to do this exact thing. The pool would be awesome for physical therapy for many. There are so many th8ngs you could offer with this type of facility in town.

This is an amazing idea being put into place! I think this town needs this so badly. I would be willing to help out in any way i can. Thank you Becky for starting this!!

Good luck and this is a wonderful thing to see put into motion

I think the overall concept is a wonderful idea for our town. I did list some no's in answering the survey because those items weren't priority to myself and my family but as families fill this out there be a greater need that I am not aware of.

I'm interested to see if you are able to do it without public funds. We (the town) do have some money available, but I don't think it will really work if it is entirely public funded.

Your project is ambitious, with significant cost, so I wonder if you'll be able to find the money.

But, it'd be great if you can make it work!
Great idea! I really hope it is possible.