



# Downtown Waterville Visioning

## Recap of the December 2022 Community Open House

The first of a series of public workshops to inform the Downtown Waterville planning effort was held at the Elm on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 3-7pm. **The event, open to all, was attended by approximately 65 members of the community as well as representatives from the City and the Consultant Planning Team.**

This first workshop was designed as drop-in event for community members to contribute thoughts, ideas, and input that will directly inform the planning process and outcomes. The event was organized around a series of open house stations (listed below) where attendees could learn about various downtown planning themes, provide input through interactive questions and mapping activities, and discuss thoughts and ideas for downtown with City representatives, planning consultants, and fellow community members.

The event included an interactive and educational activity station for each of the following planning themes:

- 1. Downtown Today**
- 2. Open Space & Recreation**
- 3. Community Needs & Housing**
- 4. Mobility & Parking**
- 5. Business & Economic Development**

A wide range of great input was received with many ideas contributed by community members and conversations about community needs and aspirations that will help shape a vision for downtown. Parallel outreach conducted by the City Councilors throughout the planning process will provide additional opportunities for engagement.



**Based on input from this information gathering phase, the planning team will continue to work with the community over the next few months to develop scenarios and options for downtown planning, refine concepts and recommendations, and consider strategies for implementation.**

Thank you to the many residents and community members from Waterville and the surrounding area who came to the December event to provide your input and help plan the future of Downtown!

Photographs of the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Community Open House:



**The next community workshop will be  
Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.  
Stay tuned for additional details coming soon!**