

North Haven Community Vision Process

Charting Our Future: from Vision to Action

A Summary of the North Haven Vision Process August 2021 – January 2022

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to share our Vision and Priorities with you. Our Vision recognizes what we all love about our island and will guide us as we address challenges and opportunities. The Priorities are the actions we will take now. Both the Vision and Priorities are based on your input and reflect the hard work of our community. Thank you for participating, and please join us we move forward.

Take care,

Learn More!
Detailed information about everything you see here is on the "Vision Hub" – a website for all things North Haven Vision, Priorities, and Next Steps!
Go to www.northhavenmaine.org

What is a Vision Statement?

A vision statement defines what the community values and what it envisions for itself. It is used to guide actions, not by stating what specifically will be done, but by naming what is valued most then applying that to planning and decision-making: "How is this proposed action/decision/plan in alignment with our vision?"



Community Values

These are values the community chose during the Vision Process

Sense of Community

Scenic Beauty

Friends and Family Live Here

Island Culture and Heritage

Quality of Life

Learn more about the Values at www.northhavenmaine.org

North Haven Community Vision

North Haven is a remarkable island community – resourceful, caring, safe, and inclusive – committed to sustaining a thriving year-round economy, stewarding our natural resources, and preserving scenic beauty for current and future generations.

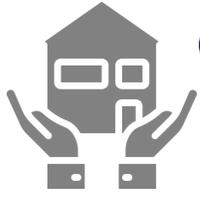
Developing the Vision Statement

A Community Vision Process was conducted by the Town beginning late August 2021. The process involved public outreach, one-on-one conversations, focus groups, a community survey, and facilitated small group conversations to determine the community's values and to select priorities the Town and community should address.

The values generated during this process along with comments and feedback from the community were used to generate a draft vision statement. A Vision Statement Working Group used consensus to develop the Statement into a final draft which was shared with the community for feedback. Majority support by the community and consensus from the Working Group led the Select Board to adopt the Vision Statement in January 2022.

What's Next? Moving from Priorities to Actions

During the Vision Process, the community chose top priorities for the Town to work on. Objectives for the Priorities were formed based on community feedback and comments.



1 Access to Housing

Objective

Increase the availability of affordable year-round housing rental and ownership opportunities.

How will this Objective be addressed?

A **Housing Working Group** facilitated by Town staff with outside assistance will learn about the current housing market, identify obstacles to accessing year-round housing, and support efforts to increase the availability of year-round housing.

Timeline

February 2022 – Form Working Group
November 2022 – Issue a report on findings and actions

Goals

Working collaboratively and cooperatively with community partners, the Housing Working Group will

- gather information and data regarding the current status of housing on the island
- research and understand obstacles to accessing year-round housing
- create a Housing Action Plan, which includes the collected data and summarized research with recommended steps the community can take to make more year-round housing available
- working with the Town Administrator, help identify and facilitate occupancy of at least three year-round houses (rentals or to-own)

Get Involved!

Want to Join a Priority Working Group? Go to www.northhaven.org and click on the link for the Vision Hub to fill out the Form for Working Group participation **or** contact Rick administrator@northhavenmaine.org or Mia mcolloredomansfeld@islandinstitute.org



2 Workforce Development & Economic Diversification

Objective

Foster a diverse economy that sustains both a year-round workforce and the human infrastructure (childcare, healthcare, education) needed to support that workforce.

Timeline

February – May 2022 – Form Advisory Group; Select planning consultant
June - October 2022 – Conduct study
November 2022 – Review recommendations and determine next steps

How will this Objective be Addressed?

Contract with a consultant who will work with an **Advisory Group** to conduct a professional study which

- assesses the current state of North Haven's economy, workforce, and human infrastructure
- identifies challenges in these areas
- presents recommendations and opportunities to address challenges that help strengthen and support a diverse and thriving year-round economy

Communication and Vision Alignment

To ensure transparency, communication, and alignment with the Community Vision, representatives from each Priority Group will meet monthly with the Town Administrator to share updates from their group, ask for insights and feedback from each other and use a series of questions to ensure they are working in alignment with their working group goals and timeline, their priority objectives, and the Vision. This group will provide regular updates to the Select Board and the community. All working groups will be supported by a staff person or consultant who will assist with meeting organization, facilitation, and public communications.



3 Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change Impacts

Objective

Take actions that support environmental sustainability and address the impacts of climate change on the island.

How will this Objective be Addressed?

Using the Community Resilience Partnership [a program of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future (GOPIF)], a **Climate Working Group** will

- assess the island's progress toward climate action and environmental sustainability *and*
- identify, prioritize, and implement actions the Town and community can take to increase overall resilience through adaptation and mitigation strategies that reduce the impacts of sea-level rise and climate change.

Timeline

April 2022 – Form Working Group
April 2023 – Working Group goals complete; Select Board and Working Group determine next steps