

Town of Milton Selectboard

Approved Goals, Objectives, and Priorities for 2013 thru Next Reorganization Meeting

1. Financial

- a. Begin review of internal controls, policies, procedures with New Finance Director and in light of new municipal auditor recommendations
- b. Continue to address capital programming, reserve funds, water fund balance, rescue billing
- c. Update multi-year financial projection on budget
- d. Monitor the effectiveness of established reserve funds that receive re-occurring annual appropriations

2. Economic & Community Development

- a. Establish web presence with economic development focus – separate from existing town website (Goal 3.1 in the Comprehensive Plan)
- b. Continue outreach to new businesses and maintain existing relationships (Goal 3.3.6 in the Comprehensive Plan)
- c. Continue progress on Route 7/Middle Road/Railroad, secure funding and priority for next steps (Goal 3.2.8 in the Comprehensive Plan)
- d. Discuss and consider next TIF project priorities for Town Core/discuss potential future ballot items
- e. Discuss long term prospects of shared development opportunities with Colchester SLB (Goal 9.7.1 of the Comprehensive Plan)
- f. Work with other Commissions and Boards to develop a program to improve the Route 7 Corridor

3. Continue Legislative Platform

- a. Monitor and advocate for TIF legislation
- b. Advocate for other economic development tools (linked to goal #2 above) (Goal 3.4 of the Comprehensive Plan)
- c. Charter Revision Monitor health care evolution/implementation
- d. Promote legislative platform more by exploring different venues

4. Planning/Policy Toward Services

- a. Develop and consider policy on how/what streetlights can be added to Town system
- b. Begin discussion of priorities for implementing ½ cent recreation tax ballot items (Comprehensive Plan generally discusses need for new park facilities and references Recreation Master Plan)
- c. Monitor and pursue grant opportunities that become available for recreational trails and/or town forest improvements (Goal 4.4.6 of the Comprehensive Plan)
- d. Discuss how to pay for future capital plan needs for rolling stock – reserve fund vs internal borrowing vs external borrowing vs fund balance

- e. Make decision on a preferred location on public works facility location (Goal 4.6.3 of the Comprehensive Plan)
- f. Evaluate need/efficacy of transit services
- g. Review Bombardier Master Plan layout and adjust for concept considerations related to transit facilities, park & ride, and community center location (Goal 7.13 of the Comprehensive Plan)
- h. Discuss and consider transportation, economic development, and service implications of inter-municipal utility connection with Colchester (linked to goal/objective 2d) (Goal 9.7.1 of the Comprehensive Plan)

5. Organizational

- a. Monitor COPS grants opportunities for School Resource Officer
- b. Canine Program Implementation
- c. Finance Office recruitment to fill anticipated vacancies/review and adjust position responsibilities based on needs and changes in procedure and policy that arise out of #1b
- d. Possibly reopen labor contracts to address health care reform but at a minimum begin negotiations on two contracts
- e. Evaluate efficacy of elected offices through Charter Revision process (related to goal #3c)

6. External Communications

- a. Continue development of communication content and channels through new website, newsletter, explore functionality of new website platform, and develop online service request system internal to our website instead (Comprehensive Plan generally talks about putting more information on the website)
- b. Explore ways to involve public in meetings more, for example through live digital access
- c. Consider Charter Revision to move Pre-Town Meeting to an earlier date