

Town Council
January 10, 2018
Training Room
355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA
Minutes

Attendance: Matt Kelly, Tom Mercer, Patrick Casey, Deb Pellegrini, Peter Padula, Melanie Hamblen, Eamon McCarthy Earls, Bob Dellorco, Jeff Nutting Town Administrator, Jamie Hellen Deputy Town Administrator.

The Chair called the meeting and workshop to order at 7:00 PM.

The Chair opened the meeting between the Town Council for the 2018-2019 Goals Setting Workshop. The Chair announced they were given a draft set of goals by the Town Administration (attached) and the Council would walk through the list and give members an opportunity to ask questions and to add more topics to the list.

The Council walked through each one of the goals on the list and briefly discussed the context and background to some of the projects on the list, and that some of the goals were sponsored by individual member requests. Each topic was agreed and some items were assigned to individual subcommittees. For each idea that came from a member, the attached list denotes follow up actions on those.

Mr. Dellorco MOVED that the Town Council adjourn. Mr. Mercer SECONDED. Roll Call: Mr. Kelly-Yes, Mr. Casey-Yes, Ms. Hamblen-Yes, Mr. Mercer-Yes, Ms. Pellegrini-Yes, Mr. McCarthy Earls-Yes, Mr. Dellorco-Yes, Mr. Padula-Yes. Approved 8-0.

The Town Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**Town Council Meeting
2018 and 2019 Goals
Town Council Workshop
January 10, 2018**

Initial Thoughts

Fiscal

- Annual Capital Plan - Council subcommittee to review shortly
- Annual Operating Budget - Large shortfall projected for FY 19
- Review/update/adopt Fiscal Policies - Budget Committee to review
- Continue to ask for OPEB options with state officials
- Determine Sewer rate increase for FY19
- Determine Water rate increase for FY 19
- Explore new revenue options

Economic Development –To EDC

- Continue to look at downtown redevelopment
- MBTA parking Lot
- Cultural District Marking Plan
- Zoning - R-7, C-1, "over 55", Inclusionary, lot lines, other zoning issues
- Marijuana tax – increase from 2 to 3% To Town Council

Facilities

- Transfer/Recycling Center improvements when land transfer complete
- Review Police Station space – Commence study in 2019
- Future of Red Brick School – Charter School pulled building permit.
- Future of Old South Meeting House
- Implement Preventative Maintenance (PM) for Facilities

DPW

- Road Funding
- Fund sidewalk plan for Beaver Street and Washington Streets
- Finalize and begin to implement Bike lane plan
- Water - Continue Water line replacement plan, Water Treatment Plant, Water Tanks, other improvements
- Continue sewer system improvements
- Future of Beaver Street interceptor

- Storm Water Plan – Potential fee?

Recreation/Open Space

- Purchase Open Space as may be available
- Continue to implement 2016 Open space/recreation plan
- Continue supporting SNETT trail development and other trail projects
- Continue on Delcarte – weed and fish issues, etc
- Develop Bike lanes and Trails plan – Staff has started

Community – Generally

- Implement Electric Aggregation when appropriate
- Continued work on the recommendations in the Master Plan
- Continue to work with SAFE Coalition
- Continue to accept Public Ways
- Continue Nu-Style project
- Transition to Regional Dispatch
- Purchase 120-122 School Street from Dean for additional Library Parking
- Plan for charging stations for electric vehicles
- Implement “Green Community goals”
- Adopt Affordable Housing Plan
- Customer Service technology improvements
- Historical Commission “Master Plan”
- Town Council Procedures review
- Successful Collective Bargaining - Spring of 2019

Thoughts/questions/ideas from Councilors

- IT security – future agenda - **Technology Presentation to the Council**
- Open Space future agenda - **Future Council Agenda for discussion**
- Poultry bylaw -- **Discuss at EDC**
- Temporary sign bylaw -- **Discuss at EDC**
- Sale of Town owned land -- **Discuss at EDC**