


Memo

To: Town Council
From: Jeffrey Nutting 
Date: September 13, 2017
Re: Update on Town Council Goals

Every two years after the election the Town Council establishes goals for the next two years.

Attached is a status report on those goals along with a few additional accomplishments that came up after the goal.

I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

**Town Council Meeting
2016 and Beyond
Town Council Workshop
January 12, 2016**

Fiscal

- Annual Capital Plan – **Adopted**
- Annual Operating Budget – **Adopted**
- Review/update Fiscal Policies – **Reviewed by subcommittee**
- Explore OPEB Options – **Legislators came to Council meeting**
- A letter from the council to our legislators requesting some legislative action
Sent letter to Legislators, Same issue as OPEB.

Economic Development

- Pond Street Land - **Land sold for \$1,560,000**
- Continue Economic Develop efforts – generally - **New Website for Commercial/Industrial realtors**
- RT 140 Zoning (Beaver to near Hayward) – **Land rezoned to R5**
- Neighborhood commercial – **Eliminate Neighborhood Commercial District and adopted Rural Business district**
- Other –
 - **Zoned for Breweries/Tasting Rooms,**
 - **Rezoned Storage Facilities from C2 to Industrial,**
 - **New parking regulations for downtown,**
 - **Zoned for Marijuana and 2% local tax.**
 - **Rezoned a portion of land off of Dean Ave to R5 Changed definition of Limited Site plan**

Facilities

- Complete Recreation Building project – **Rear building to be complete by Fall 2017**
- Complete Senior Center project – **Project Complete**
- Complete Library project – **Expected Finish October 2017**
- Continue to fund LED Lighting - **Approved funding Will install LED Street Lighting in 2018**
- Future of Red Brick School- The TA suggested leasing the building when the charter School relocates – **Charter School move delayed**

- Future use of Old South Meeting House – **on Hold**
- Review Police Station space – The TA suggests we hire an architect next year to review the space issues – **Hold until FY 2019 until other projects can be completed.**
- Davis Thayer – Discuss with Schools - **School in use for foreseeable future.**
- **Other –**
 - **Funded preventative maintenance software for all school/town buildings**

DPW

- Road Funding - **Discussed with elected representative**
- Fund sidewalk plan for Pleasant/Chestnut Streets – **Construction to be completed in August 2017**
- Plan for sidewalks on Beaver and Washington Streets – **Survey complete, Design commencing for Beaver Street, Washington Street Design in 2018**
- Continue Water line replacement plan - **Ongoing**
- Investigate Water Treatment Plant or new water source – **The TA discussed the need for a treatment plant. Study underway to design new plant**
- Continue to make improvements to sewer system - **Ongoing**
- Storm Water Plan - potential fee – **EPA put Regulations on hold for one year**
- Transfer/Recycling Center improvements - **Awaiting approval of Legislature on land swap**
- Continue to improve the recycling center. - **No changes to date**
- Need Bylaw to allow DPW to install water meters in citizens houses that refuse entry **Done**

Downtown

- Downtown Construction Project to be complete in 2016 – **Very short Punch list**
- Finalize new parking plan for downtown – **Done**
- Kiosk / Information Center – Explore one in the downtown- **On Hold**
- Funds for Downtown Lights, etc.- **Funds voted**
- Foster Cultural activities – **Ongoing – Recently voted to support Cultural District application**
- Other - **Dedicated Horace Mann Statue**

Community

- Investigate Electric Aggregation – **Awaiting the right price to implement**
- Continued work on the recommendations in the Master Plan – **TA updated Council annually**
- Investigate the CPA – Find a speaker to make a presentation at future council meeting in 2017 – **Memo sent to Town Council 4/13/17**

Recreation

- Complete Open Space and Recreation Plan – **Council voted to support Plan**
- Purchase Open Space as may be available -
 - **Purchased 12 acres of land Washington Street,**
 - **Accepted 20 acres of land next to KS school,**
 - **Accepted parcel of land on Prospect Street.**
- Continue supporting SNETT trail development - **Ongoing**
- Review report on Delcarte – weed and fish issues – **\$100,000 voted for weed control**
- **Other –**
 - **Voted funds for two new turf fields and a new Track at the HS,**
 - **Funded a portion of expansion of field space at Beaver Pond,**
 - **Del carte playground replaced at no cost to the town.**

Other

- Continue to work with SAFE Coalition- **Ongoing**
- Continue to accept Public Ways – **No action**
- Continue Nu-Style project – **RFP being prepared for sale of land**
- Continue working on Regional Dispatch – **Building under construction**
- Continue to develop communications/PR plan – **Ongoing improvements**
- Charter Review Commission – **Discussed on July 2016 agenda**
- Review of the current offerings provided by Dean College. More revenue/pilot and or offerings from Dean. **Presented Plaque to Dean for offering a Franklin resident an annual Horace Mann scholarship**
- Request Fire Chief to present ambulance service report - **Done**
- Continue recognition program - **Ongoing**

Other Actions in 2016/2017

2016/2017

- **Reached Over 10% in affordable housing (11.89%)**

- **Petition Legislature for Agriculture Commission**
- **Online permitting for Town Clerk**
- **Transition to Google email, calendar and Docs**
- **Increase abatement for qualified citizens from \$750 to \$1,000**
- **Increase senior workout from \$9 to \$10 per hour**
- **Adopted Veterans Assistance Fund**
- **Amended Alcohol regulations to require all employees of an establishment to have TIPS training**
- **Eliminated Snow Removal bylaw**
- **Eliminated Billboard Bylaw**
- **Updated Bylaw on Water Use**
- **Approved all municipal union contracts through June 2019**
- **Transferred 17 acres of land behind the HS to the Affordable Housing Trust to construct senior housing**
- **Added lights to the Town Common for the Holiday season**
- **Lease land to Franklin TV for antenna and moved Public safety antennas to that site saving funds**
- **Updated and revised Town's Fee schedule**
- **Voted to refund old bonds saving \$730,000**
- **Two excellent audits**