

## **Cape Elizabeth Town Council Goals**

**2015**

### **Municipal Infrastructure**

- The town council will regularly monitor the library project which is due to be completed near year end of 2015.
- The town will undertake a comprehensive study of the use patterns and aging of the recycling center. The study shall include extensive opportunities for public engagement.
- The town council will determine longer term uses of the former Spurwink School for after its temporary use as a library in 2015.
- The town council will seek opportunities for grants to improve pedestrian pathways on roadsides.
- The town council will consider options for improving the intersection at the Spurwink Church and the intersection at the town center.
- The town council will seek input on the future of the Goddard Mansion.

### **Policy and Ordinance Reviews**

- The council will seek to work with the school board in a joint review of the original mission for community services and evaluate how it has evolved and what is appropriate going forward.
- The town council will continue to seek improvements for access to Crescent Beach and Kettle Cove and will prepare an update of the harbors report from the 1980s.
- The appointments committee will review the appointments process and provide an update to the town council.
- The ordinance committee will recommend to the town council which ordinances need a comprehensive review and the reviews will begin.
- The town council will review the speed limit in the town center and other unaddressed issues arising from the town center planning committee.
- The library trustees will review the remaining recommendations of the library planning committee and provide a report to the town council.
- The town council will review how the town might address policies dealing with poor cell coverage in the community.

## **Citizen Engagement**

- The town council will establish a mediation program for local disputes which would be staffed by volunteers.
- The town council will review note taking (minutes) responsibilities for citizen boards and commissions and will establish templates for consistency in such notes and minutes.
- The town council will continue to review additional opportunities for citizen engagement.
- The town council will develop a more formal mechanism for citizens to contribute to the annual goal setting for the community.
- The appointments committee will develop an action plan for orientation of boards and commissions.

## **Miscellaneous**

- The town council will review the report of the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee and will develop an action plan on its recommendations.
- The town council will receive a report from the Recycling Committee on the status of food composting and the composting of other organics.
- The council will continue to work with the town manager in enhancing best practices in relations between the manager, the council and staff.
- The town council will further enhance budget documents and processes in order to identify appropriate service levels and to minimize tax increases.