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Cape Elizabeth Town Council Goals for 2017

Goal 1- Enhance the town's livability with sound environmental stewardship and with planning for a sustainable future

Potential Implementation Opportunities

- Commence the work of the Comprehensive Planning Committee with adequate staffing and financial resources for the work of the committee.
- Review funding mechanisms for land preservation and for the stewardship of the town's open spaces
- Take action on the report of the Alternative Energy Committee exploring solar options and less dependence on fossil fuels
- Research state and local programs to assist local homeowners in considering renewable forms of energy
- Ensure access for commercial and recreational watercraft In the Kettle Cove/Crescent Beach area.

Goal 2- Improve and expand communication with citizens and other stakeholders

Potential Implementation Opportunities

- Continue and expand public forums on specific issues and hold public forums on issues to be addressed with potential ordinance amendments
- Create a coalition of groups around environmental issues to meet quarterly and to review shared objectives
- Convene a meeting of the town council with the Thomas Memorial Library Committee and the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation to review cooperative initiatives and to clarify roles and expectations
- Convene a meeting of the town council with the Fort Williams Park Committee and the Fort Williams Charitable Foundation to review cooperative initiatives and to clarify roles and expectations.
- Seek new ways to solicit citizen views including but not limited to citizen surveys.

Goal 3- Provide for Town Council review and action on recent priorities and pending actions

Potential Implementation Opportunities

- Analyze the impact of the recent state vote to permit retail sales of non-medical marijuana
- Act upon a report from the Spurwink School Reuse Committee
- Review with Community Services actions taken since receipt of the report on senior citizens.
- Enhance the role of the senior advocate

Goal 4- Appoint a new town manager

Potential Implementation Opportunities

- Ensure that there is an orientation for the new town manager
- Work with the town manager to commit to the development and implementation of services that address community needs
- Encourage the new town manager to review succession planning in all departments

Goal 5- Improve and enhance municipal services in a financially sustainable manner

Potential Implementation Opportunities

- Work with the Fort Williams Park Committee reviewing the mission, vision and financial sustainability of Fort Williams Park
- Ensure that any new goal or program is reviewed with business model principles
- Ensure that vulnerable citizens are living in safe housing and have food security.
- Find ways to help all citizens better use technology
- Review all municipal fees and revenues sources and review any potential sources to leverage grants.
- Continue to examine opportunities to share services and resources with other communities

Goal 6- Ensure that boards and committees are supported and are effective

Potential Implementation Opportunities

- Recognize the service of the town's volunteers
- Request each board and committee to present annual goals and work plans by March 1.