**Cape Elizabeth Town Council Goals**

**2014**

**Update-November 1, 2014**

The Cape Elizabeth Town Council commits to the following goals for calendar year 2014:

**Thomas Memorial Library**

* A bond referendum will be scheduled for November 4, 2014 on a clearly defined proposal from the library building committee. **The council approved the plan and scheduled the vote.**
* A fundraising mechanism will be established to raise funds needed for furnishings and technology. **Fundraising is now underway by Library Foundation.**
* The town council will review the current policy for naming opportunities for the library and for other facilities **Policy adopted in April.**
* The town will formalize its relationship with the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society. **On November town council agenda**
* A plan to accommodate space for the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society will be reviewed. **Temporary space determined and building modifications underway.**
* Plans will be developed for the repurposing of the original Spurwink School section of the Thomas Memorial Library. **Building will be used as temporary library.**

**Policy Reviews**

* The town center planning committee will complete its work and the town council will review its recommendations. **Updates to Town Center Plan Adopted**
* The town council will take action on the proposed ordinance relating to outdoor shooting ranges. **Ordinance adopted and firing range committee established.**
* The town council will evaluate the impacts of the short term rentals ordinance provisions adopted in 2012. **Council reviewed in September 2014. Citizen survey completed.**
* The town council will consider and vote upon the recommendations contained in the greenbelt plan update proposed by the conservation commission. **Adopted in January 2014**
* The town council will review the process that occurred for updating the greenbelt plan. **Council reviewed the process.**
* The town council will review an update on the policies emanating from the 2011 facility space use working group. **Council reviewed the policies in October.**
* The town council will review policies relating to the use of email and texting during town council meetings. **Undertaken as part of ethics policy review.**
* The town council will evaluate policies and procedures to plan for continued aging of the community’s population. **Underway in conjunction with seniors advisory committee**

**Community Engagement**

* The town council will establish an advisory committee consisting of citizens aged 55+ to have dialogues on how the town can best serve its retirement age citizens. **Committee now meeting.**
* The town council will continue discussions and cooperation with community groups such as the Cape Business Alliance, the Cape Farm Alliance, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation and other groups which seek to positively impact the community.
* The town council will enhance use of social media. **Now tweeting and the ability to share stories on the website is now active.**
* The town council will consider additional opportunities for community engagement.
* The town council will review with community members past engagement with the community on issues which were contentious to evaluate lessons to be learned as issues are discussed in the future.
* The town council will continue to support an active webpage. **Ongoing**
* The town council will consider opportunities to maintain e-mail lists for informing citizens of local issues. **E-mail list being maintained. .**
* The town council will continue orientation of boards and commissions in order to facilitate their focus on community engagement**. Session held in December 2013**
* The town council will continue to collaborate with the school board on issues of mutual concern.

**Community Improvement**

* The town council will evaluate opportunities to enhance access to Crescent Beach for commercial fishermen. **Report at workshop on September 3, 2014.**
* The town council will update the capital stewardship plan. **Council approved in September 2014**
* The town council will continue to support implementation of the Fort Williams Park master plan and of the arboretum at Fort Williams Park. **Lighthouse donated to arboretum site now being completed. Wheatly Road repaired. Bleacher study underway.**

**Other**

* A committee will be convened to plan Cape Elizabeth’s 250th anniversary of its incorporation. **Committee now meeting and first activities have occurred.**
* The town council will meet with legislators on issues of concern to Cape Elizabeth residents. **Several meetings held.**
* The town will continue to review opportunities for food composting. **Food composting bins sold at recycling center.**
* The finance committee chair will provide monthly updates at the regular town council meeting. **Ongoing**
* The finance committee will meet with the town manager to review and discuss the outlook for the municipal budget early in 2014. **Meeting occurred in January 2014.**
* The town council will present a Ralph Gould award early in 2014 and plan for a presentation in early 2015. **Award presented in early 2014 and in November 2014.**
* The town council will evaluate its external professional service providers including legal and audit services. **Evaluation completed.**
* The town council will update the procedures for the annual evaluation of the town manager. **Procedures were updated.**
* The town council will review procedures for training related to the Maine Freedom of Access Act and for determining conflicts of interest under 30-A MRSA §2605 **September 3, 2014 Workshop**