**Cape Elizabeth Town Council Draft Goals**

**2015**

**Municipal Infrastructure**

* The town council will regularly monitor the library project which is due to be completed near year end of 2015. **Ongoing**
* 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. **Report received by town council and on workshop agenda for 10/18/2015. Public hearing in January 2016.**
* The town council will determine longer term uses of the former Spurwink School for after its temporary use as a library in 2015. **Question asked as part of tax bill survey**
* The town council will seek opportunities for grants to improve pedestrian pathways on roadsides. **No grant opportunities identified as of yet.**
* The town council will consider options for improving the intersection at the Spurwink Church and the intersection at the town center. **Question asked as part of tax bill survey for town center and receiving cost estimate and basic design options for of church intersection**
* The town council will seek input on the future of the Goddard Mansion. **Question asked as part of tax bill survey**

**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. **Due for last quarter of year. Ordinance Committee is to review boards and commissions ordinance .**
* 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. **Letter sent to Maine Bureau of Parks and Public Lands**
* The appointments committee will review the appointments process and provide an update to the town council. **Ongoing**
* The ordinance committee will recommend to the town council which ordinances need a comprehensive review and the reviews will begin. **Ordinance Committee made its recommendation.**
* The town council will review the speed limit in the town center and other unaddressed issues arising from the town center planning committee. **Speed limit reviewed and still awaiting state MDOT response**
* The library trustees will review the remaining recommendations of the library planning committee and provide a report to the town council. **Ongoing**
* The town council will review how the town might address policies dealing with poor cell coverage in the community. **Awaiting court decision**

**Citizen Engagement**

* The town council will establish a mediation program for local disputes which would be staffed by volunteers. **Approved by town council**
* 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. **Reviewed by appointments committee and council**
* The town council will continue to review additional opportunities for citizen engagement.

**Public forum held on September 17th attended by 49 citizens and citizen survey included in tax bill.**

The town council will develop a more formal mechanism for citizens to contribute to the annual goal setting for the community. **Public forum held on September 17th attended by 49 citizens and citizen survey included in tax bill.**

* The appointments committee will develop an action plan for orientation of boards and commissions. **Ongoing. Reviewing Right to Know Law Orientation Materials and reviewing boards and commissions ordinance**

**Miscellaneous**

* The town council will review the report of the Senior Citizen’s Advisory Committee and will develop an action plan on its recommendations. **Workshop held on September 10th. Action plan being developed in sync with boards and commissions overview and in budget for FY 2017. Website updated.**
* The town council will receive a report from the Recycling Committee on the status of food composting and the composting of other organics. **This is part of larger study**
* The council will continue to work with the town manager in enhancing best practices in relations between the manager, the council and staff. **Ongoing**
* The town council will further enhance budget documents and processes in order to identify appropriate service levels and to minimize tax increases. **Ongoing**