

## **TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH NOTES**

MEETING: Citizens' Roundtable  
DATE: Monday, September 19, 2016  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Middle School Cafetorium

Welcome and Introductions

Chair MacAuslan opened the session at 7:00p.m.

15 citizens were in attendance; approximately one-half are new residents.

Also in attendance were Councilors Garvin, Grennon, Jordan, Lennon, MacAuslan, Town Manager Michael McGovern, Town Clerk Debra Lane and Deputy Town Clerk Tori Gilman.

Review of Purpose – Councilor Garvin

Purpose – An opportunity for the town council to reach out to citizens to obtain feedback and encourage public participation as it relates to community goals. The event is one of a multi-pronged approach in soliciting community input on possible goals for next year.

Review of Process – Councilor Grennon

Originally the process was for citizens to break into groups for a brainstorming session. What are their priorities for the town? What should the council's focus be moving forward? The focus groups would then report their top 2-3 suggested goals.

Rather than break out, it was decided that citizens would remain together as one focus group.

Copies of the 2016 goals were distributed. As a way to organize suggestions by topic, the 5 topics (see below in bold type) identified in 2016 were used as a guide.

The focus group suggests the following goals for consideration in 2017.

### **Ordinances and Policies**

#### **Communications and Outreach**

- Develop a strategy for promoting volunteerism
- Utilize the town's website as a central clearing house for advertising volunteer opportunities
- Host an event for new residents
- Consider how renters can be included in disseminating information related to what is going on in town
- Utilize the town's cable access channel to disseminate information e.g. moderate an informational session on topics of interest to residents

#### **Budget and Finance**

#### **Sustainability**

#### **Facilities and Property**

- Continue efforts for a pedestrian friendly community
- When a road is paved provide for traffic calming techniques to avoid high speed
- Improve connectivity with the town center using sidewalks
- When the comprehensive plan is revisited include the continued preservation of land, greenbelt trails, pedestrian access, limit growth
- Require sidewalks on both sides of the street; not approving an exception for developers to build on one side
- Review the impact of increased noise and traffic at Fort Williams Park
- What may be other options for broadband in addition to Time Warner

The councilors thanked the public for attending and sharing their thoughts and ideas. Notes from the session will be forwarded to the town council for consideration for next year.

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Citizens are encouraged to contact councilors if they have additional thoughts or questions. Citizens are also encouraged to get involved if they are interested; vacancies on town boards and committees will be advertized in October.

Adjournment  
8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk