

APPROPRIATIONS COMMISSION

Note: No specific tasks, only "All Board/Committee" tasks.

Priorities: Immediate (I)=within 1 year; Short-Term (ST)=1-3 years; Mid-Term(MT)=3-5 years; Long-Term(LT)=5-10 years

NOTE: Priorities may have two time frames and they may start in the shorter time frame, but take longer to complete.

#	Goal Actions	Primary Entity	Subentity(ies)	Evaluation Metrics	Priority	Status July 2022	comment	Status Nov. 2022	Comment	Status March 2023
G1-26	Identify and encourage conditions that attract and support Black, Indigenous, and People of Color population.	Selectboard	Administration, All entities	Process for identifying issues concerning BIPOC population and for monitoring the experience of Town services across all demographics. Process for identifying challenges and addressing them. Change in Town demographics. Change in diversity of people participating in civic life	ST/MT	As discussed with the Town Moderator, it is our intention to seek diversity in the new members of our committee		We have added a second female to our committee to fill a vacancy		No Change
G1-31	Foster Town engagement with college/university personnel and consultants to provide special expertise.	Administration	Other entities as appropriate	Number of personnel used. Type and effectiveness of services provided.	ST, MT, LT	Not applicable		Not applicable		Not applicable
G3-14	Incorporate addressing climate change/resiliency into routine permitting and operations.	All boards and committees		Date new mandate adopted. Changes to Zoning or subdivision regulations adopted. Impact on projects.	ST	Not applicable		Not applicable		Not applicable
G3-24	Work with boards and committees to produce videos to welcome new members and give them a brief overview of responsibilities.	SHCTV	All boards and committees	Number of videos. Number of boards and committees participating. Feedback from viewers.	ST	Not applicable, new members are introduced to committee work in person	Discuss. Videos also useful to orient residents.	Same as July		Not applicable
G3-25	Encourage people of diverse backgrounds to run for boards and/or apply for committees to ensure broad representation of all residents in government functions.	All boards		Number of candidates identified. Number of candidates elected. Change in demographics of candidates.	ST/MT	As mentioned above we hope to add people of diverse backgrounds to our committee as we fill vacancies		See above		No vacancies on our committee, but we are committed to adding diversity to our committee
G4-1	Create working groups of staff and committee and board members to meet regularly around common priorities to identify and work together toward shared objectives.	All boards, committees, and departments	Administration, Selectboard	Date working group created. Number of shared priorities identified. Number of group actions being pursued. Number of actions completed.	ST	Not applicable as our work is short term, focused around Town Meeting		Not applicable		Not applicable
G4-13	Prior to Town Meeting, review proposed bylaws as to legality, consistency with other bylaws, and alignment with the goals of this Master Plan Update and make recommendations for action (recommend or not recommend) to the Selectboard and Town Meeting.	Bylaw Review	All other boards and committees	Date(s) bylaws reviewed. Number of committees and/or proposers consulted. Recommendations made.	ST/MT	Not applicable		Not applicable		Not applicable
G4-22	Post articles in area newspapers, Town's website and social media.	All boards and committees		Number of articles posted. Number of responses or other feedback.	ST/MT	Our annual report to Town Meeting was emailed to Town Meeting members and posted on the town web site		Same as July		Our annual report will be available prior to May Town Meeting
G4-27	Work with boards, committees and departments to identify baseline data for impact evaluation and standard metrics, as appropriate.	Master Plan Implementation Committee	All boards, committees, and departments	Date baseline data identified. Schedule for collection of baseline data. Date(s) data collected.	MT	Not applicable		Not applicable		Not applicable
G4-28	Work with boards, committees, and departments to monitor progress towards goals using metrics recommended in this Master Plan Update, as appropriate.	Master Plan Implementation Committee	All boards, committees, and departments	Identify schedule and process for monitoring. Feedback from boards etc. as to usefulness. Dates of progress updates to Selectboard, Planning Board, and Town Meeting.	MT/LT	Not applicable		Not applicable		Not applicable
G4-4	Improve inter-departmental communications within the municipality and to the public.	Administration	All departments	Number and types of communications. Feedback from residents and business owners.	ST/MT	Our committee met with the Town Administrator on 3 occasions, met with the School Department and held a public hearing to review the financial articles to be voted on at the annual Town Meeting.		In addition to the July details, we plan to meet jointly with the Selectboard and certain town depts		We have had meetings with the TA, Selectboard, Town depts. and School Dept.
G4-5	Provide professional development for all departments and committees as appropriate to improve skills in website content development and presentation.	Administration	All departments	Date provided. Number of participants.	ST/MT	Not applicable		Not applicable		Not applicable
G4-8	Create a central resource directory on the Town website for all listing and linking to all current plans, reports and key data.	Administration	All boards, committees, and departments	Date resource created. Relevance of information provided. Use of information.	ST/MT	There currently is an Appropriations Committee link on the town web site.		There is currently an Appropriations Committee link on the web site		There is currently an AC link on the town web site