



TOWN OF TRURO

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Fiscal Year 2009 Goals and Objectives

Introduction

The Truro Board of Selectmen agreed to pursue the following goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2009, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. Some of these goals are ongoing or continuing goals from FY2008. New goals have been marked as such. The goals and objectives were divided into broad categories of primary responsibility, including: Finance, Long-range Planning, Public Safety, and Community Relations and Communication.

In establishing for themselves these goals and objectives, the Selectmen intend to provide guidance and direction to the town's multi-member bodies, and to the Town Administrator and his or her appointees, in establishing their own goals and objectives to assist in the achievement of the overall goals and objectives.

FINANCE

1. The Board of Selectmen will, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, review the process by which department budgets are developed, implemented, and monitored. This will be accomplished by analyzing 2008 budget to cost figures as a basis for a review of the 2009 budget to date, thereby providing a broad perspective for the development of the 2010 budget.
2. Following this process the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Finance Committee will, where applicable, propose ways to streamline the budget review process, including mechanisms for developing future budgets.

CONTINUING:

3. The Board of Selectmen, with the Finance Committee and other appropriate multi-member bodies and town employees, will review the town's fee schedule for potential revision as may be decided upon.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

NEW

1. The Board of Selectman will establish a task force to explore how best to take advantage of the expanded regional broadband access that will be created by the "Open Cape" initiative.

NEW:

2. The Board of Selectmen will work jointly with the Planning Board and the Town Planner to create a master plan and schedule for the resolution of key planning issues, e.g., lot coverage, "mansionsization", year 'round condo occupancy, condo conversions, "affordable housing".

ONGOING:

3. The Board of Selectmen will continue to explore with neighboring towns and entities, including the Cape Cod National Seashore, regional approaches to issues of common interest, including, but not limited to, issues regarding water, affordable housing, economic development and other issues regarding the protection of regional resources.

CONTINUING:

4. The Board of Selectmen will develop a plan for the disposition of each parcel of unutilized land owned by the town, e.g. “affordable housing”, future well site, offer for sale, conservation.

CONTINUING:

5. If the current planned site for the new North Truro post office should not materialize, the Board of Selectmen will, to the extent appropriate, assist the USPS in the identification of an alternate site.

CONTINUING:

6. The Board of Selectmen will work to implement the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement in Truro and to support the town multi-member bodies and citizen's groups in their efforts to reduce the town's carbon footprint.

CONTINUING:

7. The Board of Selectmen will develop an integrated town approach, considering the recently approved Affordable Housing Plan, to address housing needs in Truro, in cooperation with all appropriate town multi-member bodies and town staff.

PUBLIC SAFETY

NEW:

1. The Board of Selectman will evaluate and improve our existing systems for performance management and review of the Chief of Police and for oversight of the department’s policies and budget.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

CONTINUING:

1. The Board of Selectmen will continue its municipal outreach programs, including, but not limited to, the use of newsletters, press releases, and other materials that will serve to educate the public on issues of

importance to the town. As part of this goal, the Board will encourage the expanded use of available information technology as the preferred tool to disseminate information.

ONGOING:

2. The Board of Selectmen will expand the process used to establish its own goals and objectives in an effort to gather input regarding the priorities and concerns of the various Town departments, multi-member bodies, and the general public.

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