

Mission

The mission of the Town of Yarmouth is to provide high quality, efficient and cost effective municipal services to ensure the safety, education, and well-being of the community.

The Board of Selectmen, as the chief policy makers for the Town of Yarmouth, with support of the Town Administrator, will provide leadership to achieve the mission of the Town. The Board will recommend budgets and adopt specific goals and objectives directing the Town administration and will evaluate the performance of the Town's staff in achieving its goals and objectives.

2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN GOALS

1. Maintain a balanced budget within the 2.5% levy limit, while:
 - promoting new growth
 - increasing reserves
 - continuing to fund capital improvement
 - minimizing or eliminating the need for general overrides
 - reducing unfunded liabilities
 - review options and cost for granting discounts to Veterans for public services.

2. Expand economic growth, redevelopment, and new development efforts to increase year round employment, tourism, affordable housing and quality of life:
 - a. Develop plan for attracting year round businesses supporting high quality employment opportunities

 - b. Expand affordable housing by 1% (118 units) over fiscal 2015 during period ending 6/30/2018. [*Yarmouth's current Housing Production Plan calls for approximately 60 units per year but that target has been met only once in past 5 years.*] Determine support for affordable housing on Route 28.

 - c. Continue development of active projects:
 - Parker's River/ Drive-In site
 - Winslow Gray intersection
 - Bike Path
 - Flax Pond

d. Develop ongoing strategy for golf courses to assure adequate capital support and sustainable funding for operations

e. Review funding and support for tourism. Continue partnership with Chamber of Commerce.

f. Explore private/public partnerships for wastewater treatment to target priority neighborhoods and watersheds.

3. Maintain high quality, affordable education:

a. Work with Dennis Select Board and School Committee to develop agreed upon goals and strategy to maintain quality and affordability;

b. Obtain budget information from D-Y School earlier in the planning cycle;

c. Engage School Committee in dialog about facility plan and options to minimize tax impact of capital improvements.

4. Assess customer service with focus on activities that are of importance to businesses and business development. Provide written report by 6/30/2016.

5. Review emergency management plan with the staff members responsible for preparing and implementing the plan.

6. Develop clear strategy to address opiate addiction detailing action plan for prevention, enforcement, education, and treatment. Assign staff responsibility for action plan and measurement while avoiding duplication of effort with other agencies.

7. Review capital policies and costs including, but not limited to: road repairs, and vehicle acquisition and replacement policy and cost.