

Minutes
Annual Goal Setting Session
Board of Selectmen
Acton Public Safety Facility
June 3, 2009

The Board of Selectmen convened their Goal Setting session @ 7 PM.

Present: Chairman Paulina Knibee, Selectmen Lauren Rosenzweig, Peter Berry, Terra Friedrichs, and Mike Gowing. Town Manager Steve Ledoux and Recording Secretary Maryjane Kenney

Town Manager Steven Ledoux facilitated the goal setting, using Nominal Group Technique.

The Board engaged in a brainstorming activity that resulted in the following:

Results of 2009 Annual Goal Setting

1. **Budgeting during the Fiscal Crisis** (24 points)
 - a. Continuous improvement efforts (Town and Schools), develop metrics and reporting systems to improve efficiency and effectiveness
 - b. Land Purchase program expansion
 - c. Maintain Services
 - d. Look at cost savings via Health Insurance Trust
 - e. Expand Senior tax relief
 - f. Determine what is affordable
 - g. Compensation for Town employees that are returning Veterans.

2. **Finalize Community Plan**, including: (20 points)
 - a. Transportation planning
 - b. Determination of infrastructure capacity
 - c. Determine growth needs
 - d. Review of social service provisions
 - e. Redevelopment of tree program
 - f. Protection of rural character
 - g. Stronger design review
 - h. Completion of rail trails

3. **Operational Improvements** (13 points)
 - a. Improve operations of committees
 - b. Continuous electronic improvements
 - c. Development of performance matrices
 - d. Town space planning

4. **Sewer Expansion Framework** (8 points)
5. **Finalize Creation of Cable Access Corporation** (4 points)
6. **Continue Greening of Acton Efforts** (2 points)

Chairman Knibbe discussed a letter regarding lease of municipal buildings and solar panels that she would like to send to our representatives asking for a home rule petition. This would increase the lease of such buildings to 30 years. Selectman Gowan stated that there is a downside to these leases; such as damage, maintenance, liability and companies going out of business. If after gathering more information the town would like to consider this plan it will be on the special town meeting for a vote. It was agreed to send the letter.

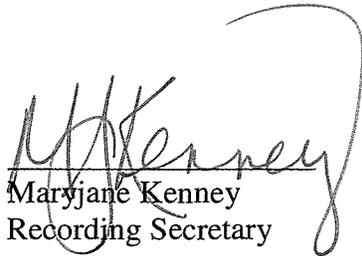
Chairman Knibbe then discussed the Policy Workshops that will be new for the Selectmen this year. The Selectmen decided on 3 topics for meeting July 27, 2009, a meeting in the fall and a meeting in the spring with dates to be decided.

Policy Workshop #1 Health Insurance.

A discussion of the existing benefits package with a particular focus on health insurance, the options available for changing the benefit package, and the issues surrounding joining the GIC. The School Committee and the Finance Committee will be invited to join us at this workshop, if they are interested.

Policy Workshop#2 Sewer Expansion Framework.

Policy Workshop#3 Continuous Improvement – Performance Matrix


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4/22/09
Date