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**Cape Elizabeth Town Council Goals
2014**

The Cape Elizabeth Town Council commits to the following goals for calendar year 2014:

Thomas Memorial Library

- A bond referendum will be scheduled for November 4, 2014 on a clearly defined proposal from the library building committee.
- A fundraising mechanism will be established to raise funds needed for furnishings and technology.
- The town council will review the current policy for naming opportunities for the library and for other facilities
- The town will formalize its relationship with the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society.
- A plan to accommodate space for the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society will be reviewed.
- Plans will be developed for the repurposing of the original Spurwink School section of the Thomas Memorial Library.

Policy Reviews

- The town center planning committee will complete its work and the town council will review its recommendations.
- The town council will take action on the proposed ordinance relating to outdoor shooting ranges.
- The town council will evaluate the impacts of the short term rentals ordinance provisions adopted in 2012.
- The town council will consider and vote upon the recommendations contained in the greenbelt plan update proposed by the conservation commission.
- The town council will review the process that occurred for updating the greenbelt plan.
- The town council will review an update on the policies emanating from the 2011 facility space use working group.
- The town council will review policies relating to the use of email and texting during town council meetings.
- The town council will evaluate policies and procedures to plan for continued aging of the community's population.

Community Engagement

- The town council will establish an advisory committee consisting of citizens aged 55+ to have dialogues on how the town can best serve its retirement age citizens.
- The town council will continue discussions and cooperation with community groups such as the Cape Business Alliance, the Cape Farm Alliance, the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, the Cape Elizabeth Education Foundation and other groups which seek to positively impact the community.
- The town council will enhance use of social media.
- The town council will consider additional opportunities for community engagement.

- The town council will review with community members past engagement with the community on issues which were contentious to evaluate lessons to be learned as issues are discussed in the future.
- The town council will continue to support an active webpage.
- The town council will consider opportunities to maintain e-mail lists for informing specific citizens or groups of citizens of local issues.
- The town council will continue orientation of boards and commissions in order to facilitate their focus on community engagement.
- The town council will continue to collaborate with the school board on issues of mutual concern.

Community Improvement

- The town council will evaluate opportunities to enhance access to Crescent Beach and Kettle Cove for commercial fishermen.
- The town council will update the capital stewardship plan.
- The town council will continue to support implementation of the Fort Williams Park master plan and of the arboretum at Fort Williams Park.

Other

- A committee will be convened to plan Cape Elizabeth's 250th anniversary of its incorporation.
- The town council will meet with legislators on issues of concern to Cape Elizabeth residents.
- The town will continue to review opportunities for food composting.
- The finance committee chair will provide monthly updates at the regular town council meeting.
- The finance committee will meet with the town manager to review and discuss the outlook for the municipal budget early in 2014.
- The town council will present a Ralph Gould award early in 2014 and plan for a presentation in early 2015.
- The town council will evaluate its external professional service providers including legal and audit services.
- The town council will update the procedures for the annual evaluation of the town manager.
- The town council will review procedures for training related to the Maine Freedom of Access Act and for determining conflicts of interest under 30-A MRSA §2605