



## **SELECT BOARD**

Goal Setting Workshop Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 2, 2021

6:00 PM

Public Safety Facility, 371 Main Street, Chief's Conference Room

**Present:** David Martin, Dean Charter, Jim Snyder-Grant, Fran Arsenault, Himaja Nagireddy,

**Staff:** Town Manager John S. Mangiaratti, Assistant Town Manager Mark Hald, and Lisa Tomyl, Executive Assistant

**Absent:** None

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The Board discussed the goal setting process, that two lists of goals will be identified, one short-term and one long-term, an allocation of points will be applied to each list by each Member at their discretion, and each final list will be limited to a reasonable number of items as decided by consensus of the Board in consultation with the Manager

Identifying short-term goals proceeded in a "round robin" fashion until all Members exhausted their submissions. Some items were combined.

At 7:30 PM, Board Members studied the resulting 31-item list and applied a portion of their 10 point allocation to projects each identified as priorities. A further round of voting was done to break some ties.

At 8:05 PM, a prioritized list of 11 short-term goals resulted:

1. Decide on a use and transform the Asa Parlin House property for an indoor/outdoor amenity for cultural programs and events
2. Consider establishing an affordable housing rehab trust by April 2022 Annual Town Meeting
3. Establish a Youth Advisory Committee
4. Evaluate the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission recommendations and implement policy and staff changes
5. Find a way to extend the rent relief program
6. Form a Department of Public Works Building Study Committee, inclusive of the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility
7. Determine the process for allocating the American Rescue Plan Act funds and incorporating community engagement in the process
8. Form a Social Services Committee that can explore a team of therapist and social workers in an effort to increase mental health resources available to the community
9. Complete Phase One for Gardner Field Playground



10. Work with the Acton Dog Park Committee and the Acton Housing Authority on design and construction of a dog park and a cohesive design for the whole site
11. Implement changes for town elections and town meeting, adjusting dates, consider when people are sworn in after elections, and other town meeting/elections issues

The process was repeated for the long-term goals, and at 8:20 PM Board Members studied the resulting 22-item list and applied a portion of their 6 point allocation to projects each identified as priorities.

At 8:40 PM a prioritized list of 6 long-term goals resulted:

1. Expand the Department of Public Works tree crew
2. Improve the Town Website
3. Increase sidewalk construction
4. Enhance funding for Open Space
5. Review all bylaws with sustainability and equity goals in mind
6. Continue exploring ways to make Acton more business-friendly

**At 8:41 PM, Mr. Snyder-Grant moved, Mr. Charter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.**

**Documents and Materials Used:**

- Agenda, August 2, 2021
- Short-Term Goals Spreadsheet
- Long-Term Goals Spreadsheet