

**SELECT BOARD RETREAT**  
**Monday, August 2, 2021**  
*(Notes taken by Carol Doorenbos)*

**GOALS 2020-2021**

Continuous Improvement- Goal met, reduced documents of governance from 20 pages down to 4 pages.

Broadband- approved by voters in June. Efforts to be continued to determine funding.

Solar Energy Plan- dead issue. Private plan on Plains Road. Who does the benefit go to?  
Can the town benefit as a customer of solar project?  
Energy Efficiency is the goal. Participate when it is cost effective.

Church Road Sidewalk- Progressing with help from an 80:20 federal grant.  
Makes most sense to have it on same side of the street as the fair grounds.  
Local dispute over cutting down trees. The town owns 25 feet from the center line of street.

Parks & Recreation- Public acceptance of budget.

Comprehensive Plan- Voted in and funded. It will be a 10-year guiding document to protect values and what we have as a community. Goal date is November 2022.

Kennebec Valley Council of Governance- Land use and zoning

Salt and Sand Shed- Repair or replace? It was not well sealed and now too deteriorated to repair. New plan for \$150,000 structure to replace with concrete base, metal frame and canvas or plastic cover.

Pension Plan for city workers- Almost done in very quick speed for a 3-year contract.

**KEEP GOALS**

Governance- Dennis- Keep goal of operational efficiency and ways to improve how we operate and communicate.

Broadband- Kathy & Shawn- Keep continue to work on funding

Energy Efficiency Policy- New Goal on November ballot. Electric car is going to happen with very little funding needed by the town and a decrease in mileage expenses by town workers. Not feasible to have a charging station in town.

Church Road side walk project- Ralph & Age Friendly Committee- part of Downtown Safety Initiative for safe street crossing at downtown corner and at the beach. Includes crosswalk markings and restricted parking to improve visibility.

Comprehensive Plan- Dennis- continue to attend meetings.

Parks & Recreation- Shawn- Support and develop projects of baseball field & basketball court at the fairgrounds, and a shelter at the beach using ARPA funds.

## **NEW GOALS**

Governance- Improve Marijuana and planning board application for more specific requirements on plan of what you need before you approach the board to reduce delays in process. New Minutes Policy that they are due within 2 weeks after meeting. All Boards goal to be more helpful and approachable, and less antagonistic.

Business Revitalization- Carol- Local business focus each month in Messenger. Post office window used to promote trade groups. Attendance at Winthrop Chamber of Commerce or Rotary meetings to partner with them.

Marijuana business establishment professional, location, hours of business, and security.

Heat Pumps at the Town Office and eventually new energy efficient windows

Remote Meeting Policy- require in person attendance unless due to health or travel reasons. This will improve communication where all can be heard better and documents can be shared more easily in person versus remotely.

Public Discourse- Promote civil discourse in all town communication and meetings.

## **TOWN MANAGER**

1. Heat pumps & new windows in Town Office for better energy efficiency.
2. Road paving/ditching/tree removal work coordinated timing together for efficient road work and traffic delays.
3. Business Focus- Carol to work with Kristen for monthly promo of trade groups in Messenger.
4. Code Enforcement Officer & Planning Board provide more details on applications of what is needed for consideration and be more approachable.
5. Civil discourse- How to call a meeting. Open meeting or public input allowed before meeting?
6. Special Town Meeting- Yes, November '21 for Broadband and to split Article 38.