



TOWN OF READFIELD

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Select Board Goals for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year:

Different Kinds of Goals:

As the elected Municipal Officials for the Town of Readfield the Select Board is responsible for setting policy direction for the Town, overseeing the budget and warrant development process, and ultimately approving the questions put before the voters at Town Meeting (now in the form of Secret Ballot voting).

The Select Board takes their responsibilities seriously. In addition to engaging with the public at large and with our volunteer boards and committees, they engages in organized planning and goal setting exercises to help identify and communicate their priorities. The first of these is their annual “retreat” and goal setting session held in June or July each year. During this session broad policy matters are considered and condensed into a workable set of priorities they intend to take action on. The second is one or more discussions held at their regular board meetings to specifically discuss goals for the budget process, often times referring back and connecting to their policy priorities. This year the Select Board considered budget specific goals at their October and November meetings. A final type of budget goal is the standing direction that we have developed over the years to serve as the baseline for our budget development process.

Standing Budget Goals:

- **"To provide the services our residents want, at the level of service they expect, as cost effectively as possible"**
- Improve communication with the public and incorporate public feedback in the budget
- Consider the Town budget separate from the School and County budgets
- Focus on capital investment projects and utilize a long-range planning cycle
- Use designated and undesignated funds responsibly
- Work together toward the public good

Select Board Retreat and Planning Session Goals:

Primary Goals:

- Youth athletic field and finances including asking a June 2023 warrant question to gain voters’ direction on this item. (Dennis, Steve)
- Church Street sidewalk continued attention to this multi-year goal as it approaches actual construction in a forthcoming year. (Kathryn, Carol)
- Enhanced use of space at the Town Beach with the extension of services, activities, and program opportunities. Also investigate beach physical improvements. (Sean, Dennis)

- Parks and Recreation staffing and program goal carried over from the previous year to get added attention and development. (Sean)
- Gain a stronger relationship with local schools built on cooperation, collaboration, and effective communication. (Steve, Dennis, Sean)

Secondary Goals:

- Consider an update to the Marijuana Establishments Ordinance (Dennis)
- Consider a Moorings Ordinance (Town Manager)
- Consider a Beach Ordinance (Dennis)
- Broadband extension to unserved areas (all)
- Developed an inventory of all Town Properties and uses (Kathryn)
- Build a Select Board Manual (Kathryn).
- Negotiate a Labor Contract (Steve, Town Manager)
- Explore the possibility of in-house plowing options (Town Manager)

Select Board Budget and Warrant Goals:

- Increase revenues for recreation programming (possibly through food sales at the beach)
- Add docks and generally improve infrastructure at the Readfield Beach.
- Complete the Fairgrounds Park and Conservation Project
- Consider reducing, or postponing, wanted future projects not yet in progress
- Fund all need and necessary expenses to maintain our Town and programs
- Maintain fiscal responsibility and spend conservatively
- Consider adjustments to the ACO stipend and benefits
- Be prepared to respond to heating and general assistance needs in the community
- Develop ADA access for the Readfield Beach