

Compiled 2023-2024 Select Board Goals- DRAFT

For discussion at August 15, 2023 Select Board goals workshop

Improve communications and resident engagement: In order to increase resident awareness and involvement in town work, the Select Board aims to continue to increase the quantity and quality of town-generated communications about meetings, process, and volunteer opportunities so residents will be more informed and engaged.

Action Steps:

- Reimagine how we coordinate and communicate community gatherings in our town, including how our committees work together
- Provide more accessible presentations of key information for public consumption
- Continue to provide regular times for the public to engage with the Select Board and other Town Committees
- Develop accessible pathways for citizens to meaningfully volunteer in town outside of Committees
- Identify strategies to objectively measure our progress in these areas

Explore the public interest in and viability of shifting from a Town Meeting to a Town Council form of government: As our town grows in size and participation in Town Meetings wane, the Select Board looks to understand public opinion of shifting away from a Town Meeting form of government.

Action Steps:

- Host a series of public forums to explore and explain the differences in style of governance and the process for potentially shifting our form of Town government
- Follow resident input and proceed accordingly

Support sensible and sustainable Town development: In the face of competing town priorities, the Select Board will work to find balance between infrastructure management, short- and long-term costs, environmental impacts, and community needs.

Action Steps:

- Strategically balance resident tax burden with Town financial health and long-term sustainability
- Thoughtfully support the ongoing development of the North Yarmouth Village Center
- Create a town vision plan for the acquisition and management of open space and meaningful locations in North Yarmouth as a guide for conservation and preservation
- Protect our water and other natural resources
- Move forward a climate resilience vision for the Town