

BOARD OF SELECTMEN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Each year the Board of Selectmen develops goals and objectives that articulate our policy priorities for the coming fiscal year. These goals and objectives also serve as our direction to the Town Administrator, the Police, and the Fire Chief. The goals and objectives are developed over several weeks of meetings, including a public hearing to gather input from residents and voters. In addition, for the second year, the Board of Selectmen met with Town Department Heads to learn from their daily experiences in providing programs and services and to get their invaluable input as we develop our annual goals and objectives.

When you take a look at the Fiscal Year 2016 goals and objectives that will be finalized in mid-July, you'll notice many changes. Perhaps the biggest is that in addition to presenting our goals and objectives, we are also stating our values. They are the guiding principles that drive all the activities undertaken by any staff, volunteer, elected or appointed official. They embody our beliefs and our highest aspirations. I'd like to share them with you in advance of the final document.

Excellence:

We strive to provide the highest quality services that are responsive to the needs of our residents and visitors. We engage in continuous learning, draw from past experience, and strive to get it right the first time.

Integrity:

We hold ourselves to high ethical standards and commit to behave lawfully, respectfully, honestly and fairly.

Openness and Transparency:

We commit to sharing information, working inclusively, and to hold ourselves accountable.

Historic and Environmental Protection:

We work diligently to maintain the historic rural and coastal character and culture of Truro and to be strong stewards of our fragile environment.

Fiscal Integrity:

We believe in sound fiscal policy and practice.

Diversity:

We strive to create a community that values diversity and is available, accessible, and open to all.

In my column next month, I'll tell you more about our new and ongoing goals and objectives for FY2016.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the full Board of Selectmen, I'd like to thank my colleague Selectmen Jay Coburn for his leadership as Chair for the last two years. We've accomplished a great deal, and Jay's leadership kept us on track, focused, and effective. Thank you Jay! He's not going anywhere as he was re-elected in May to another three-year term as Selectmen.

NEW LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

In May, I was honored to be elected by my peers to serve as Chair for the next year. Jan Worthington, who was re-elected in May to her fourth term as a Selectwoman, will be serving as Vice Chair. Maureen Burgess will serve as Clerk.

OFFICE HOURS

We continue to hold office hours twice monthly at local gathering spots such as the Transfer Station, Farmer's Market, Community Center, and Library. Check the website for the schedule and come say hello!