

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
March 11, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

Town Council Members present:

Kristine S. Trocki, President
Mary E. Meagher, Vice President
Blake A. Dickinson
Michael G. White
Thomas P. Tighe

Also in Attendance:

Andrew E. Nota, Town Administrator
Cheryl A. Fernstrom, Town Clerk

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Town Council Goals and Objectives work session was called to order by President Kristine Trocki at 4:03 p.m. in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers of the Jamestown Town Hall at 93 Narragansett Avenue.

III. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WORK SESSION

Town Administrator Andy Nota distributed revised Goals and Objectives based on the March 4, 2015 work session. Revisions suggested by President Trocki, Councilor Dickinson, and Councilor White were referenced. Vice President Meagher's ratings and comments were distributed to Council members. This work session will revise main goals and clarify sub-goals/initiatives. Discussion ensued of the three main goals with subheadings, action plans, working from one document that includes all comments, and producing a mission statement. Discussion ensued of establishing priorities of what we can do, what is ongoing, and what is for the future, as it may not be possible to accomplish all objectives during this Council's term. Council members agree Vice President Meagher's document is very thorough and will be reviewed line by line and revised based on the discussion.

Goal "To Promote Quality of Life in the Community"

Discussion ensued of Goal 1 "Maintain Jamestown's Rural Character" and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Define/Maintain Jamestown's rural character and sense of place. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions.

Discussion ensued of Goal 2 "Protect Natural Resources" and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Continue to protect center island watershed. Lengthy

discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 3 “Promote Public Access to the Water, Water-based Activities and Use of Jamestown’s Recreational Resources” and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Develop a stable funding mechanism and clear responsibility for maintenance of Public Rights of Way to the water. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 4 “Recognize the Importance of the Village as the Town Center, the Focal Point for Most Community Activities” and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Encourage economic development, especially in prime and undeveloped properties to achieve suitable commercial and retail growth, with emphasis on the Town Center and waterfront. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 5 “Support Cultural, Civic and Recreational Opportunities that Promote a Sense of Community” and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Implement an improved Parks and Recreation Program based on residents’ needs and community assessment. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 6 “Promote a Sustainable Jamestown” and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Adopt a Sustainable Jamestown Plan that supports community goals. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 7 “Ensure Housing Affordability and Provide a Range of Housing Choices for Residents” and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Develop, renovate or restore affordable housing by promoting affordable accessory apartments and opportunities to subdivide lots for affordable housing purposes. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Goal “Ensure Effective and Accountable Town Government”

Discussion ensued of Goal 1 “Improve Access to Local Government” and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Improve services provided by the Town’s website. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 2 “Maintain the Town’s Remarkable Sense of Fiscal Responsibility and Frugality” and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Strive

for financial stability and sustainability in the Town's Enterprise Fund programs. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 3 "Maintain and Improve Town Infrastructure" and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Continue to support the town's Pavement Management Program. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 4 "Pursue Effective Local, State and Regional Partnerships" and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Schedule routine public discussions with our local State legislative team to educate them as to local concerns and areas of interest. Lengthy discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Goal "Ensure Public Health and Safety"

Discussion ensued of Goal 1 "Establish an Effective and Responsive Community Policing Program" and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Ensure that all public safety officials become familiar with the community and establish a positive working relationship with residents. Discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering, and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 2 "Maintain a Safe and Secure Environment for Residents of all Ages" and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is Provide improved town-wide emergency and alert communication through use of the Code Red Notification System. Discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering, and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of Goal 3 "Continue to Support Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Modernization and Improvements" and whether it should be revised. The top sub-goal is complete planning, design and construction of consolidated Fire/EMS station. Discussion of sub-goals continued, with reordering, renumbering and language revisions for consistency.

Discussion ensued of additional items to be added to the goals, including the water system, slip lining, liaison with schools, and town roads. The Council feels this was a good session. Discussion continued. Town Administrator Nota will reformat the goals and objectives for the next session.

The next goals and objectives work session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

IV. AJOURNMENT

Being no more business to discuss the work session was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Attest:

Cheryl A. Fernstrom, CMC, Town Clerk

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 Town Administrator
 Town Solicitor
 Finance Director