

MEMO

To: Town Council
From: David Cole
Date: 12/29/10
Re: Town Council Goals for 2011.

At the Town Council workshop on December 28, 2010, the Council developed the following goals for the coming year.

1. Continue to facilitate the development of the Gorham East-West transportation Corridor to reduce traffic congestion and provide an effective and efficient transportation system capable of supporting sustainable economic development.
2. Work to produce a budget for the next fiscal year that will provide essential services but have a no or very low increase in property taxes.
3. Continue to engage in active economic development efforts and consider rezoning land to provide more opportunities for commercial and industrial development.
4. Continue developing projects to address the Town's growing facility needs in the area of Public Safety while being sensitive to the realities of the current national, state and local economy.
5. Engage in a planning effort for the South Gorham area, using the concept of Form Based zoning and consider a possible extension of this effort in the Little Falls area at some point in the future.
6. Continue efforts to maintain and, when possible, upgrade Gorham's road network. Recognize that the State has been and continues to reduce its commitment to maintain State Collector roads and other roads of State-wide significance adversely affecting the residents of Gorham as they commute to work or engage in other travel.
7. Continue efforts to provide cost effective services by consolidating Town services with other agencies when the consolidation will provide good value to Gorham citizens by either saving money or providing better service.
8. Consider updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan with particular attention to providing consistency with any changes that are needed after the planning study for South Gorham, or changes that may be needed to support the Gorham East-West Corridor Study.
9. Continue to work on the project to develop a synthetic turf competition field as a cost effective way to address current and future playing field needs for the Town of Gorham.

10. Work on developing a single capital improvements budget that would include capital improvements that are needed for the Town and School Department to maintain existing infrastructure and develop new infrastructure as needed because of growth.

11. Look for opportunities to develop more parking in Gorham Village.

12. With the significant changes in State Government that include a new Governor and many new Legislators, it is important to watch events in the upcoming Legislative Session for changes that could have an impact on the Town of Gorham.

13. Review the Town's current Ordinances and update or codify as needed.

CC: Department Managers