

TOWN OF WENHAM

Board of Selectmen
Retreat Meeting of July 27, 2015
Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on MONDAY, July 27, 2015 at 1 PM in the Selectmen Chambers.

With a quorum present, Chairman Harrison called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM
Selectmen Present:, Catherine Harrison, Chair; Jack Wilhelm, Vice Chair; John Clemenzi, Clerk
Also Present: Peter Lombardi Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Recording Secretary

The purpose of the retreat was for the Selectmen to discuss ways to be more effective, identify important issues, and share ideas / suggestions. The Board did not take official action during the retreat and there were no other agenda items.

The Selectmen suggested goals, discussed the overall reason for each suggestion, and prioritized the final goals agreed upon.

The Chair noted the Town Administrator would be evaluated on addressing and meeting these goals in January, dependent upon when the related action items are projected to be completed.

Mr. Lombardi will have an update for the Selectmen at the August 18, 2015 meeting, including a timeline and “deliverables” and will make recommendations on which goals fit within the Town’s plans to join the Community Compact.

It was the consensus of the Selectmen the following five goals

1. Successful ATM

- Comprehensive budget doc, annual report
- Proposed warrant articles and budget schedule
- Guidelines/ timetable- starting/coinciding with the Finance Committee

2. Human Resource Management

- Market driven wages and wage equality
- Updated Personnel Policies
- Settle Contract Bargaining Agreements in time to be incorporated in FY 17 budget

3. Communications

- Phone System
- Between Boards, Town Hall department/employees, web site, residents
- Town bulletin board (reportedly in process with the Boy Scouts)
- Community Sign Policy
- Website

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4. Strategic Planning

- Transition Plan for legal counsel (RFI – request for information for legal services)
- Open space
- Budget – financial modeling
- Long-term Capital Plan

5. Economical Development

- Boulder Lane
- Cell Tower(s) – location, revenue (West Wenham especially)
- Estate properties – continuing
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- Hamilton Development Corp & “downtown H/W” concept

The Selectmen directed the Town Administrator to make a recommendation at a future meeting on the so called “reverse 911 messaging system” used to notify residents of important messages and emergencies.

The Selectmen unanimously adjourned at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley
8.6.15