

2006 – 2007 COUNCIL GOALS
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CORE PURPOSE: To be effective leaders in ensuring Durham residents are provided with a high quality level of ongoing municipal services. This is the Town Council's highest priority and the underlying theme in all actions.

CORE VALUES: Fair and open-minded approach to issues
Excellence in all endeavors
Trust and respect
Honesty and integrity
Justice

Action Goals:

- Pursue land and easement purchases with conservation bond and land use change tax proceeds.
- Develop and enact impact fee methodologies (water, sewer, public safety, schools) associated with related fee schedule.
- Resolve the status of the Town-owned land at W. Arthur Grant Circle and develop plan for same.
- Continue to pursue the possibility of transitioning responsibility for dispatching services from UNH Dispatch to Strafford County.
- Encourage continued discussions on whether the Town would be better served with one rather than two police departments and act on an implementation plan if change is desired.
- Obtain appropriate payments from "for profit" companies and/or the University when either entity utilizes UNH buildings or real properties not related to UNH's educational mission.
- Gather more data in terms of fire calls to help monitor fairness of current Fire Services Agreement to both parties.
- Prepare and request introduction of legislation allowing the governing body to delegate to administrative personnel the ability to render final decisions on abatement appeals, pending final disposition by the BTLA or Superior Court.
- Review Zoning Board of Adjustment appeal process to determine whether Town advocacy role should be introduced to proceedings to ensure justice.
- Evaluate whether the position of Director of Planning and Economic Development should be separated to create a Town Planner and an Economic Development position.

Workshop Topics: Housing
Budget
Water/Wastewater
Library
Transportation
Vibrant Downtown

As the Council completes the various workshops, additional action goals may be added to the list. Along with changes in the action goals, the Council may, after completing the various workshops, choose to create a list of program goals.