



## **TOWN OF DURHAM** **2013-2014 Council Goals**

*Adopted on June 3, 2013*

### **Standards of Performance**

- Embrace openness in the conduct of public business.
- Encourage all town boards, committees, and commissions to align their efforts with the Council goals, and to collaborate and communicate more frequently with each other and with the community at large.

### **Overall Strategy**

- Pursue long-term economic and environmental sustainability and resiliency, anticipating the community's and the region's future needs through a framework that formally integrates the consideration of multiple elements including society, ecology, economics, transportation, agriculture, recreation, food and drinking water, climate, and energy resources.
- Continue to explore collaborative efforts with UNH to enhance mutual intellectual, cultural, environmental, and economic benefits, as well as community-building opportunities.
- Revitalize Durham's commercial core to expand the tax base and enhance the sense of community while maintaining our small town character and cultural history and by weaving natural processes into the built environment for their environmental, social, and aesthetic benefits. Emphasis should be placed on "smart growth", increasing commercial opportunities and consumer choices, and enhancing the town's taxable base through economic development projects that fit with the character and goals of the community.

### **Key Objectives**

- Regain the integrity of Durham's traditional family neighborhoods.
- Identify definitive sites and develop a plan for key public facilities to meet the present and future needs of the community.
- Complete measurable progress as part of the rolling update of the 2000 Master Plan by mid-2014. Encourage public workshops and joint sessions as necessary between key boards and committees to better integrate their efforts and create a unified document.
- Strengthen the community by supporting an array of recreational, artistic, and educational opportunities, and by celebrating and sustaining Durham's history and natural setting and initiatives that promote public transportation options, including safe walking and biking.
- Improve access to and integration of select town data to aid in the planning and delivery of Town services.
- Identify, support the preservation of, and promote structures of historic significance.