

## **2018-2019 Council Goals\* ADOPTED – 5/7/18**

*Note: These goals are intended to convey a 1-3 year time horizon.*

### **Core Values**

- Embrace openness in the transaction of public business while conducting Town affairs in a manner that is just and best demonstrates a genuine respect for different ideas, opinions, and perspectives.
- Honesty and integrity.
- Excellence in all endeavors.

### **Standards of Performance**

**Pursue long-term economic and environmental sustainability and resiliency**, anticipating the community's and the region's future needs by considering multiple elements including society, ecology, economics, transportation, agriculture, food and drinking water, climate, and energy resources.

**Strengthen the community by supporting the needs of residents and families** through a wide array of active and passive recreational opportunities, the celebration of Durham's history, and by encouraging community walk-ability and bike-ability.

**Continue cooperative and collaborative efforts with UNH** to enhance mutual intellectual, cultural, environmental, social, and economic benefits associated with hosting New Hampshire's state university, to include redevelopment of 66 Main St., Hetzel/Alexander Halls, and the development of a West Edge Innovation Neighborhood.

**Continue revitalizing Durham's commercial core and neighborhoods** in ways that enhance our collective sense of community and better provide for the needs of our residents, businesses, the fiscal well being of the Town and University, and align with the new Master Plan.

**Task the administrator with meeting the following budget goals for 2019:** Hold the municipal tax rate at the 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 level of \$8.48 (or the equivalent figure based on reassessments) or less. For the medium and long-term, the Town will make an effort to control its spending and explore innovative ways to reduce the municipal tax rate.

**Encourage residents to explore becoming a member of one of the town's boards, committees or commissions.**

**Encourage all Town boards, committees, and commissions to align their efforts with the Council goals** and approved Master Plan chapters, collaborate and communicate frequently with each other, and communicate with the community at large.

**Refine plans for new or existing public facilities/infrastructure, including, among others, downtown structured parking, a replacement Fire Department, and public safety radio communication improvements, to meet the present and future needs of the community.**

*\* Note that the order of the goals does not imply priority.*