

Board of Selectmen

Strategic Planning Session

Town Hall Meeting Room

June 17, 2014

5:15pm - 7pm

Discussion Items:

Review of last years (FY14) goals and objectives (RR)

Financial Issues:

1. Review the funding needs of the COA to determine what level of increase will be necessary to support increased demand for services. Consider offering services to seniors residing in Devens. (LB)

Operational:

1. Review the charge of all appointed committees and revise as needed. Dissolve any unnecessary committees. (LB)
2. Schedule periodic administrative meetings to free up time at regular meetings. (LB)
3. Schedule periodic (quarterly) question and answer sessions. (LB)
4. Our role as BOS...vis a vis other boards or committees and vis a vis the public - and balancing listening, responding (so changing a decision) or leading (being ahead of the general public). (LW)
5. How to bring other boards into our decision making - to be more collaborative. Our all boards meetings turn into dollars and sense - and fail to get much beyond that. How can we encourage a more communicative town government? (LW)
6. Facility Manager (SS)

Policy:

1. Create an event calendar for functions requiring BOS approvals. (LB)
2. Create protocol for regular liaison reporting to the Board. (LB)

Other:

1. Work with HMAHTF / COA / etc. on development of 'empty nester' (LB)
2. How much can we really take on and accomplish? Our laundry list is often very long. Can we prioritize it? (LW)