

**Board of Selectmen**  
**2016/17 Goals and Objectives**  
(adopted June 20, 2016)

- **Provide timely and effective delivery of public safety and health services**
  - Support law enforcement initiatives to maintain low crime rates while fostering respectful community relations
  - Support volunteer fire service and best-practice emergency medical and dispatch services
  - Support flood mitigation strategies that preserve and protect community assets
  - Support energy efficiency and non-carbon source projects and maintain Clean Energy Community status
  - Support community wellness
  
- **Preserve and enhance the quality of life that makes Darien a desirable hometown**
  - Acquire property for open space and future town needs
  - Support growth in commercial and residential tax base while maintaining desired small community qualities
  - Support housing choice for all demographic constituencies
  - Protect environmental and historical resources
  
- **Provide cost effective services through prudent leadership and management**
  - Maintain active engagement in Regional and State Government to preserve local control
  - Balance high quality town services with lowest possible tax rates
  - Support local zoning regulations that encourage affordable housing and commercial development
  - Support public/private partnerships
  - Support private investment in town assets/infrastructure
  - Invest in technology to improve service and create efficiencies
  
- **Maintain and enhance town infrastructure**
  - Maintain and improve town facilities and grounds
  - Improve transit, bike and pedestrian access throughout town and between neighboring towns
  - Collaborate with town boards and commissions on analysis of impacts of new development on infrastructure and planning for necessary enhancements
  
- **Engage and inform our community and all stakeholders through transparent and effective communication**
  - Foster and role model timely, responsive, respectful and effective communication
  - Maximize utilization of technology-based communication
  
- **Promote a town organization that is sustainable and maintains employee productivity, effectiveness and morale**
  - Support employee retention strategies
  - Support employee benefit policies that create fiscal efficiency
  - Support municipal employee wellness