

Board of Selectmen 2023 Goals and Objectives

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 and sanitary sewer strategies that preserve and protect community assets
- Prioritize community wellness, including mental health

Preserve and enhance the quality of life that makes Darien a desirable hometown

- Acquire property for future town needs
- Support growth in commercial and residential tax base while maintaining desired small community qualities
- Support high quality public education and educational facilities
- Support local zoning regulations that encourage commercial development and housing choice for all demographic constituencies
- Protect historic and environmental resources
- Prioritize sustainable practices and policy development
- Recognize and celebrate volunteering nature of Darien residents
- The Town is committed to a pattern of careful, measured and purposeful land-use development that preserves the cherished qualities of the community, promotes environmental stewardship, preserves open space and enhances the wellbeing of our residents and visitors.
- The Town will maintain the density of tree canopy throughout town; when trees must be removed in one place, they will be replaced in another.

Provide and promote community and recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities.

- Review Parks Master Plan and Capital Facilities Plan to establish priorities for implementation
- Encourage healthy recreation by maintaining accessible parks and providing quality recreation programs.
- Promote and enhance a walkable community.

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 public/private partnerships for public benefit
- Continue to invest in technology to improve citizen service and reduce cost of providing services.

Maintain and enhance town infrastructure

- Continue to prioritize and support cyber security measures
- 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
- Support investments in town-owned roads, sidewalks and bridges.
- Support investments in storm and sanitary sewer system maintenance
- Partner with CTDOT and Metro North to improve train station and parking amenities
- Support investments needed to maintain and upgrade town-owned buildings

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Engage and inform our community and all stakeholders through transparent and effective communication

- Foster and role model timely, responsive, respectful and effective communication
- Continue to improve citizen access to public data and information through the Town's website
- Facilitate effective communication and collaboration between town boards, commissions, the RTM and its committees
- Utilize Town website, social media and newsletter to enhance communication with residents.

Promote a town organization that is sustainable and maintains employee productivity, effectiveness and morale

- Support employee diversity and retention strategies
- Support employee benefit policies that are fiscally sustainable
- Support municipal employee wellness, including mental health.

Maintain strong, stable and vibrant business districts

- Collaborate with local business owners to support existing businesses and attract new businesses;
- Maximize efficiencies in the permitting process.