

2007 BOARD OF SELECTMEN PRIORITIES

OPEN AND COMMUNITY SPACE

Strategies:

- Continue to improve maintenance of all open space, town properties and facilities
- Review and evaluate current use of Town owned properties
- Actively review available properties for acquisition
- Investigate reserve fund for future land acquisition for multiple municipal purposes
- Initiate improvements to the environment – such as continuing our efforts to reduce the use of energy, encourage dredging of waterways, consider change to vehicles that use alternative fuels, investigate the use of alternative fuels, institute green cleaning and building policies
- Develop tree replacement schedule
- Repair Gorham's Pond Dam
- Implement the Weed Beach Master Plan
- Create Pear Tree Point Beach Master Plan
- Develop long term plan to improve the health of Holly Pond
- Continue to manage and monitor the construction phase of Tokeneke Elementary School
- Develop plan to correct flooding areas/problems throughout the Town

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Strategies:

- Continue to address congestion issues on the Post Road and in Noroton Heights with the Police Department and the Police Commission
- Pursue the completion of outstanding projects with CDOT
- Pursue School Safety Zone Grant
- Complete RFQ with SWRPA to get Route 1 Corridor Study underway
- Address commuter parking shortage through an improved management system of our parking resources
- Continue to implement improvements to Noroton Heights and Darien Rail Stations
- Continue federal program to replace street signs
- Continue sidewalk replacement and extension program

DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Strategies:

- Replace Heights Road drainage culvert
- Support the efforts of DRI
- Encourage the Heights Road businesses to form a merchants association

HOUSING

Strategies:

- Consider the recommendations from the Darien Affordable Housing Advisory Commission (DAHAC) and begin implementation process of those that would most benefit Darien
- Implement BoS land use policy of Senior Center site to build affordable senior housing and a home for the mentally and physically challenged
- Encourage Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
- Coordinate the efforts to address the issue of affordable housing through education; create awareness of the legal issues; clarify the financial process that would support the developing affordable housing in Darien

TECHNOLOGY

Strategies:

- Vote on revised charge to form the Advisory Board on Information Technology
- Implement technology to improve the efficiency and economy of Town Government
- Continue the IT efforts to expand website accessibility to Town Government information, town forms, applications, etc
- Expand usages and integration of GIS
- Continue Town wide Standardization of IT Platform
- Identify WiFi opportunities throughout town

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