

Orleans Select Board Goals for FY '21
Adopted: August 12, 2020

1. Public Safety

- 1.1. Manage COVID-19 through frequent public communication and respond to needs of Health, Fire-Rescue, Police and other town departments and schools consistent with State and Federal guidelines.
- 1.2. Develop a plan to consistently ensure compliance/enforcement with town's regulations, including but not limited to: signs, zoning, parking, animal control, noise, lighting & construction. Further, encourage and provide resources for traffic calming measures.

2. Fiscal Stability

- 2.1. Use Fiscal Stability work sessions to assess all options and provide policy guidance for staff to reduce the amount of Override that will be necessary to address the estimated \$1 million short-fall in 2021-2022 budget.
- 2.2. Explore options for creating enterprise fund model accounts for key town departments, including the Transfer Station and Beaches. If recommended, submit implementation warrant article(s) to present at May 2021 Town Meeting.
- 2.3. Create/reactivate the Long Term Capital Planning Task Force to work with Finance Director to plan for future capital expenditures with the goal of using debt drop-off to keep tax rate as stable as possible.

3. Improve Delivery of Government Services

- 3.1. Revise town website for easier navigating and option of interactive communication with the public, including opportunities such as internet permit applications.
- 3.2. Encourage informal, multi-board/committee communication around town-wide initiatives.
- 3.3. Ensure Select Board Liaisons report regularly to the Select Board, so board members and the public are informed about all the work being done by committees and boards on behalf of the Town.
- 3.4. Create policy for staffing committees and boards to effectively match volunteers with services needed.
- 3.5. Create Orleans specific job description for minimum required Select Board responsibilities and obligations.

- 3.6. Create a “Digital Ombudsman” to receive questions and complaints from citizens interacting with town government to be monitored by all Select Board members and Town Administrator to ensure resolution.

4. Environmental Sustainability

- 4.1. Evaluate all town owned waterway access points for convenient and safe public access, while also addressing issues around ongoing sea level rise. This should include consideration of parking regulations, fees and enforcement.
- 4.2. Request the Renewable Energy Committee research and recommend further measures along with funding opportunities for further reductions in the Town’s carbon footprint.

5. Planning for the Future of Orleans

- 5.1. Kick-off the Charter Review Committee and set a time frame when recommended changes would be brought to Town Meeting.
- 5.2. Oversee multiple phases of advancement of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, including Downtown Sewer Facilities construction, Meetinghouse Pond sewer design, Permeable Reactive Barriers, the Oyster Pilot Project and opportunities for cleaning freshwater ponds.
- 5.3. Support the Nauset Estuary Stakeholder Group workplan to bring comprehensive permitting proposal to Town Meeting for appropriation.
- 5.4. Use multiple tools to engage residents in conversations about all aspects of Town life to create a vibrant year-round community.
- 5.5. Identify resources to leverage investment in new facilities and infrastructure (e.g., improved cellular & internet coverage) including federal, state, county and private grants, agencies and local resource partners.