

Bethlehem Select Board Goals

1. To invest in short-term and long-term projects that reflect our town's commitment to green energy, waste reduction, and adaptation to changing climate
 - a. Research EV Chargers
 - b. Encourage use of Home Composters
 - c. Plan for New Transfer Station
 - i. With recommendations from the volunteer Transfer Station Committee, develop, and keep current, a plan for the operation of a transfer station or alternative waste management options. This plan should identify trash disposal options and funding alternatives, in preparation for the eventual closure of the NCES landfill on Trudeau Road.
 - ii. Monitor the NCES landfill closure.
 - iii. Draft and approve a plan to ensure the Town takes a proactive role in reviewing the DES monitoring reports post closure.
 - d. Keep current with Community Power's efforts to lower residential energy costs
2. To enhance the Town's ability to get information to residents
 - a. Get forms on town website
 - b. Town Mailer
 - c. Develop Welcome packet for new residents
 - d. Develop Welcome packet for new voters
 - e. Establish Procedures for responses to public input issues and questions during SB meetings; reactivate the follow-up list
 - f. Investigate software apps for this purpose, ie. GoGov
 - g. Procedure on how to respond to anonymous complaints
3. Space Planning for future police and fire station
 - a. Support established committee to begin exploring options for new fire station
 - b. Research grant opportunities
4. Continue work on keeping our community safe and enhancing quality of life
 - a. Sidewalk from school to town parking lot
 - b. Speed feedback signs
 - c. Recreational / park improvements
 - d. Support sense of community unity with fun projects / activities, working with various town committees and business organizations
 - e. Develop plan to deal with dilapidated buildings
5. Develop plan to address aging town buildings and lack of storage

- a. Decide on future of Heritage Society building
 - b. Pool repairs
 - c. Urban Planning of Town Hall area
 - d. Digitizing capabilities to move away from paper storage, including software and equipment
 - e. Hold Town Auction to get various storage areas cleared of unused, not needed items
 - f. Create a written maintenance Plan for the Town Building that will ensure continued improvements and proper stewardship of current and future improvements.
- 6. Develop process and procedures for town committees and commissions when investigating grants, approvals for application submittals, submittal process
 - a. Insure transparency throughout the process
- 7. Continue to support existing businesses and attract new businesses to Bethlehem
 - a. Join a Chamber of Commerce or other such organization to promote the Town
 - b. Determine marketing initiatives going forward
 - c. Encourage Economic Growth
- 8. Transportation
 - a. Overall maintenance of the transportation system
 - i. Provide a safe, functional and well-maintained transportation system which implements the land use plan. It should include roads, parking, sidewalks and non-motorized opportunities.
 - b. Traffic speed and noise on Rte 302
 - i. Implement speed monitoring signs
 - ii. Lobby the State to provide "No Engine Brake Zone" signs for use in the 30 mph zone.
 - c. Review Regulations and Road Specifications
 - i. Devise a method of review for road regulations to ensure that road specifications are met before a road goes to Town Meeting for approval as a town-owned road.
- 9. Recreation
 - a. Support and encourage expanded trail access on town property and right of ways for recreational use
- 10. Utilities and Public Services - Ongoing
 - a. Support Increased Broadband Capabilities

11. Regional Considerations - Ongoing

- a. Address North Country Initiatives: Take the lead, or actively participate with other towns and regional organizations, to address new initiatives or existing problems facing the region, such as, but not limited to transportation, housing, economic development, and the environment.
- b. Maintain representation at North Country Council
- c. Continue to maintain representation at North Country Council, both as a representative from the Town for the NCC Board and as a representative to NCC's Transportation Advisory Council.
- d. Support the Bethlehem Visitor's Center
- e. Continue to support the growth and development of the Bethlehem Visitors Center and the Bethlehem Heritage Society; continue to utilize this resource to promote tourism and business opportunities.