

Infrastructure & Energy Committee

Minutes, October 28, 2019

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members

Boyle, John – Vice Chair
Peterson, Christopher
Starr, Gordon
Vannier, Derek
Wilson, Rob

Others in Attendance

Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

John Boyle called the October 28, 2019 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:10PM. The meeting was held in the DPW Conference Room located at 382 Falmouth Road, Hyannis.

Approval of Minutes

John Boyle asks for motion to approve minutes of October 7, 2019. **MOTION** moved by Rob Wilson, to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee as written. Derek Vannier 2nd the motion. All in favor, the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee are approved as written.

Old Business

IEC members review and discuss the Ground Mounted Solar Overlay District 810 Wakeby Road Marstons Mills email from an abutter Anne Salas. (See attached). Peter Doyle had sent a letter, dated Oct 16, 2019, to the Town Council with the IEC recommendations. The IEC discusses their letter of support and the scheduled planning board meeting for the Ground Mounted Solar Overlay District 810 Wakeby Road, Marstons Mills. At this point this project is before the Planning Board and there is no action required from the IEC.

The IEC discuss how to move forward in support of a Municipal Plastic Bottle Ban. John Boyle will ask Allison to contact Carla Cabral for language used in

John Boyle reports Vineyard Wind is still committed to their offshore wind turbine project even though there is currently a delay.

Christopher Peterson reports he has not been able to contact David Gorrill, Environmental Club Advisor at the High School. It was agreed to focus our attentions elsewhere at this point in time.

Christopher Peterson would like the committee to consider moving forward in support of a Town wide Styrofoam ban. Chris will research to find out if any other Towns have banned Styrofoam and report back to the committee.

Derek Vannier reports there is nothing new to report on recycling right now. He noted that the Town cannot make changes within a contract period. He will continue to work on a PowerPoint presentation.

Rob Wilson reports he will continue drafting a letter to P.J. Kelliher informing him of the IEC's desire to assist with posters, training, and support at the Recycling Center. He also reported that he would not be able to attend the November meeting.

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Minutes, October 7, 2019

Infrastructure & Energy Committee Members in Attendance

Doyle, Peter-Chair
Boyle, John – Vice Chair
Alessi, Alison
Peterson, Christopher
Starr, Gordon
Vannier, Derek
Wilson, Rob

Others in Attendance

Cindy Dabkowski, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Peter Doyle called the October 7, 2019 meeting of the Infrastructure & Energy Committee (IEC) to order at 5:01PM. The meeting was held in the DPW Conference Room located at 382 Falmouth Road, Hyannis.

Approval of Minutes

Peter Doyle asks for motion to approve minutes of September 23, 2019. **MOTION** moved by Rob Wilson, to approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee as written. John Boyle 2nd the motion. All in favor, the Minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting of the Infrastructure and Energy Committee are approved as written.

Old Business

The Infrastructure and Energy Committee review P.J. Kelliher speaker information. It is clear that the best solution is to create less trash and recycle material going into the transfer station. The members discuss single use plastic bottle ban. Derek Vannier will put together some information and share with the committee through Cindy.

The Infrastructure and Energy Committee members' discuss separated recycling and how to assist resident with separation such as a poster board with examples of the items that can be recycled.

The Infrastructure and Energy Committee members' discuss state solid waste master plan; John Boyle agreed to send the committee members a link through Cindy.

Rob Wilson will draft a letter to P.J. Kelliher; Supervisor of Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works suggesting addition of display boards in the recycling area to show patrons what can be recycled. Infrastructure and Energy Committee members would assist with developing display boards.

Infrastructure and Energy Committee members review and discuss the Draft letter in support of the Ground Mounted Solar Overlay District 810 Wakeby Road Marstons Mills. (See draft letter attached)

The Infrastructure and Energy Committee discuss edits to the letter:

- That a bond be held for preventive and corrective maintenance.
- That the Town assign to one of its Departments long term oversight of the project.

Gordon Starr will edit the letter to include the project name and prepare for Chairman Peter Doyle's signature.

Town of Barnstable
Infrastructure and Energy Committee
Barnstable Town Council

October 16, 2019

Barnstable Town Council
James H. Crocker, Jr. President
367 Main Street
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear James;

The Infrastructure and Energy Committee hereby fully supports the proposed amendment to the Ground Mounted Solar Overlay District (Chapter 240, Article II) with the following recommendations that we expect to be considered and/or added if this project moves forward.

- We expect that the applicant will notify abutters to all hearings and meetings that are to take place with any town committee including the Planning Board and Town Council, with the goal of transparency.
- We recommend that a stipulation be put in place for ongoing care and maintenance to both the facilities and surrounding grounds.
- We recommend that a fund be set aside, or a bond held by the Town, for the life of the contract to cover maintenance, and removal and remediation of the site.
- We suggest that the Town assign one of its department's long-term oversights of the project.

Respectfully,


Peter Doyle

**Infrastructure and
Energy
Committee:**

Chair:
Peter Doyle

Vice Chair:
John Boyle

Members:
Alison Alessi
Christopher Peterson
Gordon Starr
Derek Vannier
Rob Wilson

Staff Liaison:
Griffin Beaudoin
Town Engineer

Councilor Liaison:
Britt Beedenbender,
Matthew Levesque

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Alternative Lands

From: Anne Salas <annesalas@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019, 5:02 PM

To: John Flores <JohnFlores3015@gmail.com>, ERSteinhilber

<ERSteinhilber@gmail.com>, council@town.barnstable.ma.us, bbeeden118@gmail.com, NearyPrecinct6@gmail.com, Debra.Dagwan@town.barnstable.ma.us, Precinct7@comcast.net, jtinsley@baliseauto.com, matthewlevesque02648@gmail.com, Philip_N_Wallace@hotmail.com, paulabarnstable@gmail.com, JenLCullum@yahoo.com, paul.wackrow@town.barnstable.ma.us, janet@blt.org, frontdesk@capecodcommission.org, karen.herrand@town.barnstable.ma.us, darcy.karle@town.barnstable.ma.us, cynthia.lovell@town.barnstable.ma.us, Peter Doyle Infrastructure/Energy Committee <misterdoyle182@gmail.com>, Griffin Beaudoin Town Engineer public works tech

<philip.beaudoin@town.barnstable.ma.us>, andy.clyburn@town.barnstable.ma.us, mark.ells@town.barnstable.ma.us, mark@thecomact.net

CC:

Please forward to the Planning Board. Thank you.

Re: Alternatives to the amendment of the GMSPVOD to 810 Wakeby Rd. Marstons Mills, ZA TC Item #2020-27:

Please consider these properties as alternatives to 810 Wakeby Rd., Marstons Mills for Utility Scale Solar Power Plants.

145 Breed's Hill Rd., 17 acres Zoned: INDltd, Book/Page 5077/300, Parcel# 314027001 Owned by Town Of Barnstable,

223 Breed's Hill Rd., 53.88 acres Zoned: INDltd Book/Page 1350/859, Parcel #313005B00 Owned by Town of Barnstable Fire Dept. Two contiguous lots totaling 70.88 acres,

0 South Flint Rock Rd. 32.95 acres, Zoned: INDltd, Book/Page 5077/300, Parcel #313008B00. Owned by Town of Barnstable.

629 Mary Dunn Rd, 14.1 acres Zoned: INDltd Owned by Town of Barnstable, Book/Page 19847/223, Parcel #331004X01. Two contiguous lots totaling 47.05 acres.

0 Independence Drive, 16.63 acres, Zoned: IND, Parcel # 295022, owned by Town of Barnstable (airport) current tax \$0. Contiguous to existing GMSPVOD at airport.

These properties could be generating \$6-8 million and more each, over lifespan of panels, \$30,000 per year, per MW, standard is 5MW per 15,000 panels, leased to a solar developer. Developer also pays tax for use of the land. With a bond allocated for the remediation of site at end of life of panels.

Please!

As indicated on maps below, there is no current use for these lands and it is zoned appropriately.

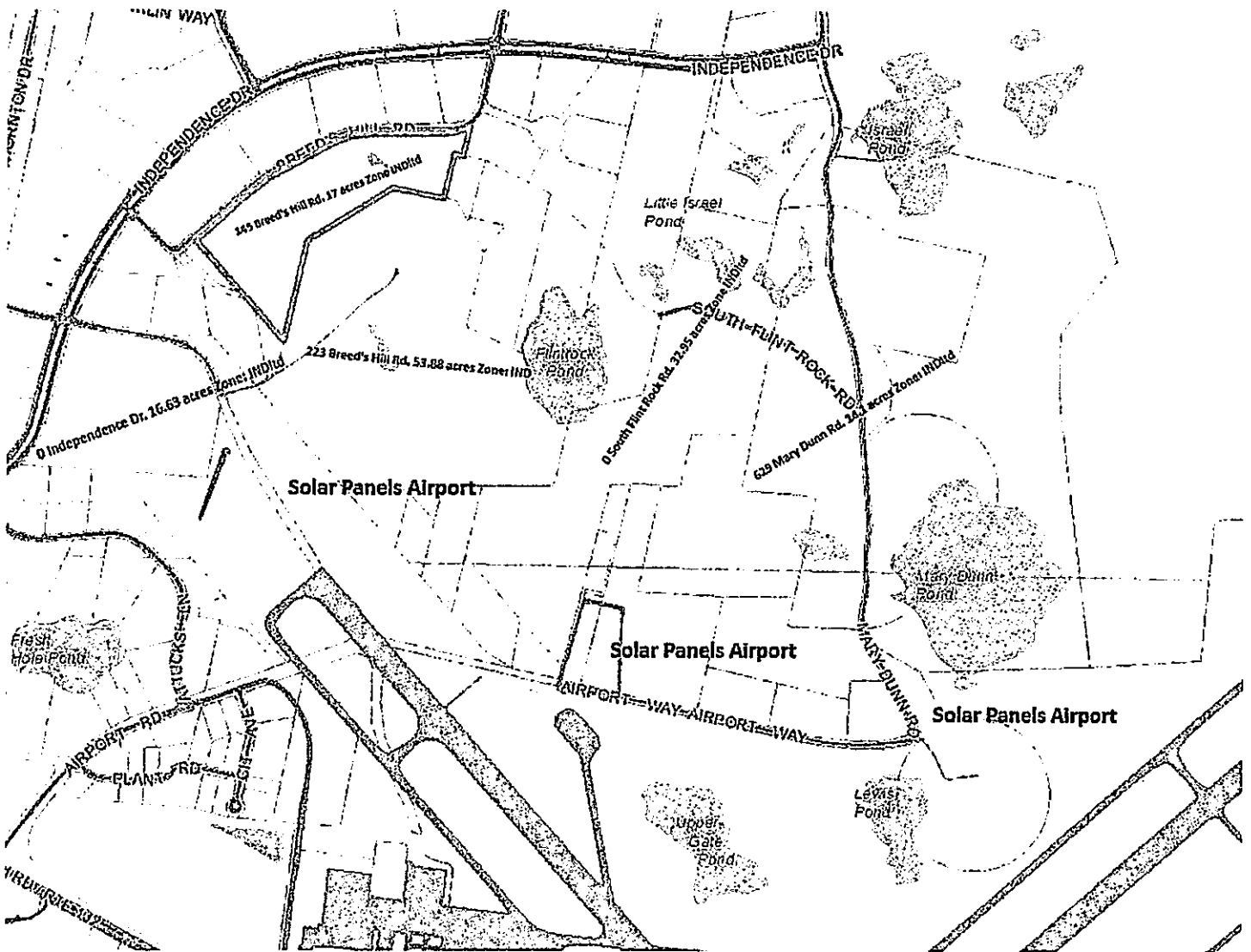
There are more in this area, currently hundreds of acres of unused, Town owned, Industrial Zoned land. Many are contiguous to established Zone GMSPVOD solar arrays at the airport. Some are contiguous to Utility owned property ensuring ease of transmission lines.

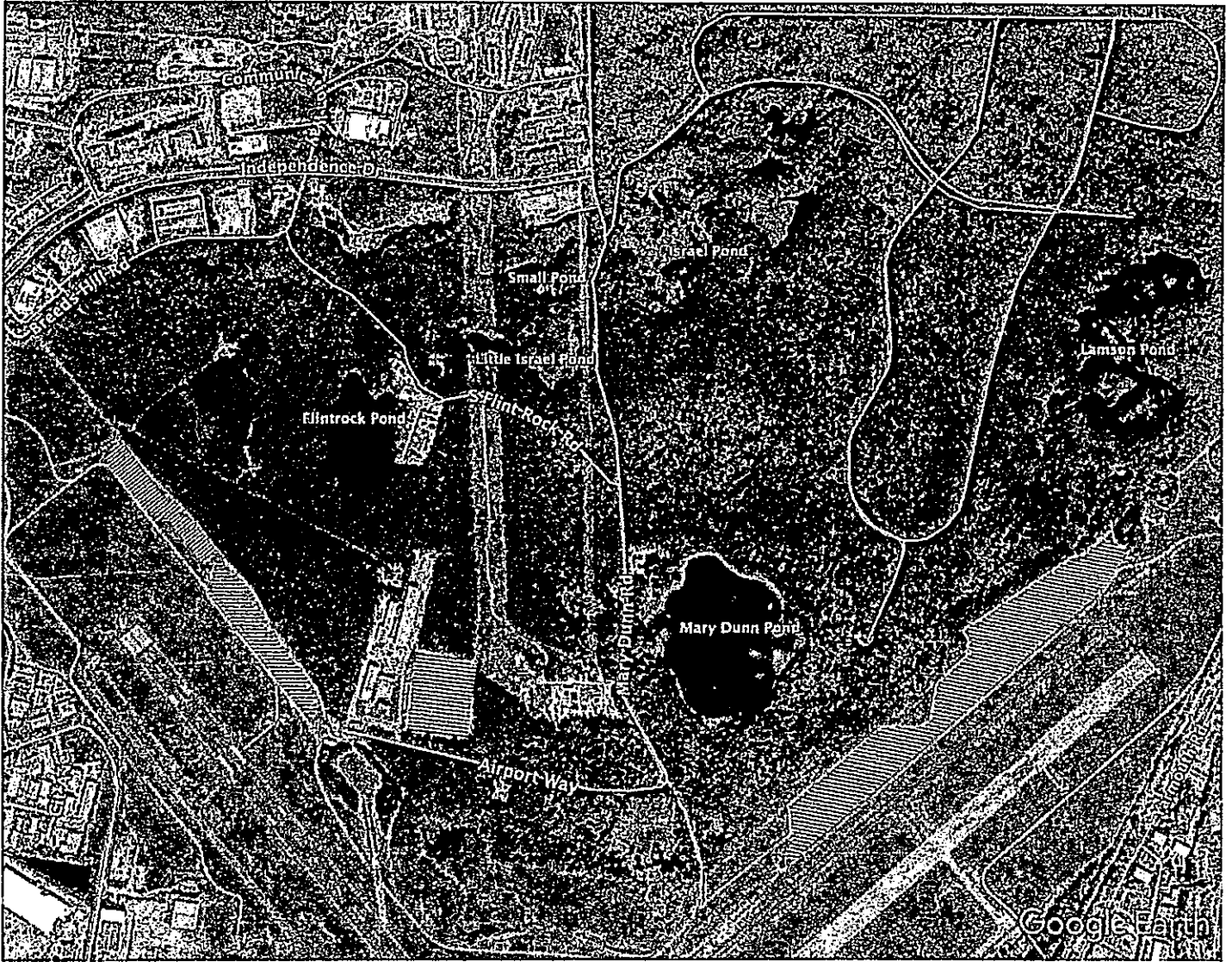
These locations would not endanger the lives, health and assets of residents, as would a solar array in a residential zone, while addressing the needs of the Town and renewable energy development. This approach is for the greater good of All.

The residents of Marston Mills thank you for seriously considering these lands as alternative locations.

Best Regards,

Anne Salas
145 Mockingbird Lane, Marstons Mills





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TOWN of BARNSTABLE
TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN
FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to protect the Town of Barnstable's quality of life and unique character, engage our citizens, and enact policies that respond to and anticipate the needs of our community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We believe in our oath of office:

I will perform my duties as a Town Councilor for the Town of Barnstable to the best of my ability, keeping uppermost in my mind the rules and laws that govern my office and my responsibility to the citizens of the Town of Barnstable.

We also believe in:

- ✓ Involving residents in the decision-making process
- ✓ Modeling ethical behavior
- ✓ Protecting citizen rights
- ✓ Protecting the health and safety of citizens
- ✓ Being fiscally responsible
- ✓ Being accountable
- ✓ Being respectful of the people and the process
- ✓ Giving the highest priority to the rules and laws that govern the office of the Town Council
- ✓ Operating fairly, predictably and efficiently
- ✓ Providing a consistent process
- ✓ Operating creatively and with flexibility
- ✓ The manager's job to manage the staff
- ✓ Preserving the integrity of the Town of Barnstable
- ✓ Each council member's stake in the betterment of the community
- ✓ Listening and respecting each other's contributions
- ✓ The right to disagree
- ✓ Being accessible and keeping the process open
- ✓ Decisions being made in the best interest of the whole Town of Barnstable

PRIORITY AREAS

We have identified a single goal and several strategies in nine priority areas. For each, it is understood that the Town Council will formulate and enact policy, the Town Manager and staff will implement and manage programs to achieve the policy goals, and the Town Council and Town Manager will communicate frequently to ensure accountability to the residents of the Town of Barnstable. The Town Council and Town Manager will meet periodically to review progress on meeting the goals laid out in this Strategic Plan and identify areas of the Strategic Plan that require more attention.

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Finance

Goal: Provide a viable financial plan for meeting the operational and capital needs of the town with a balanced budget that includes ongoing cost reductions, cost savings for residents, maintaining reserves, and aggressively pursuing new growth dollars and revenue sources.

Strategies:

- Explore and create new growth dollars and revenue sources (including grants) for the town and schools to alleviate strain on municipal and school budgets, perform operational auditing, advance greater energy efficiency, and stimulate new growth.
- Ensure adherence to a sound financial plan to meet short- and long-term priorities and liabilities of the operating and capital needs of the town.
- Evaluate and assess, on an on-going basis, alternative methods to decrease the cost of services by exploring the financial benefits of regionalization, consolidation, privatization, and collective bargaining.
- Support and promote the Open Budget.

Communications

Goal: Improve communication amongst the Town Council and Town Manager and their staff; amongst Town Councilors; between the Town and its residents, boards, commissions, volunteers and visitors to foster participation and positive results that meet the needs of the community.

Strategies:

- Provide regular opportunities for Town Council members to receive briefings or updates on Town initiatives and other important topics from the Town Manager and department heads.
- Use the council liaison system to improve communication between Town committees, boards, and commissions. Encourage regular updates from the liaisons to Town Council.
- Utilize existing communication boards and partner media outlets to make public service announcements. Work with community groups to disseminate information to their members.
- Communicate Town information to non-English speaking community members.
- Utilize the Town website, social media, Town newsletter, Citizen's Leadership Academy, Channel 18 (municipal television station), and local newspaper and radio stations as outlets to communicate with the public. Specifically:
 - Encourage all boards and commissions to record their proceedings and make them available to foster communication and increased transparency.

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- Support programs that emphasize environmental protection while ensuring economic development as articulated in local and regional comprehensive planning documents.
- Raise awareness of conservation areas and Town-owned open space, and promote public use of these spaces.
- Establish management and maintenance plans for conservation areas and Town-owned open space.
- Work in conjunction with federal, state, regional, and local agencies to protect critical environmental areas, including fragile coastlines, marine embayment areas, and all water bodies vulnerable to nitrogen loading.
- Support efforts to build coastal resiliency.

Regulatory Process and Performance

Goal: Work with Town Manager and staff to have an efficient, customer-friendly, consistent, and predictable regulatory process.

Strategies:

- Continually improve the permitting process, including policies, rules and regulations, personnel, customer/citizen experience, and impact on economic growth. Implement necessary changes.

Public Health and Safety

Goal: Promote the protection of health, safety, and wellness of our community to maintain a high quality of life of all town residents, businesses, and visitors.

Strategies:

- Support collaborative action to protect and expand our drinking water supply, including (but not limited to) ongoing monitoring for existing contaminants and contaminants of emerging concern. Support efforts to address changing federal thresholds for different contaminants.
- Continue to support substance use prevention efforts and programs that offer treatment. Seek to promote best practices in educating our youth and engaging community stakeholders' experience in substance abuse matters.
- Support the development and implementation of quality public health and safety policies and procedures. Promote effective enforcement.
- Support efforts to improve and expand telecommunication networks with local control.

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Education

Goal: Support the provision of a safe, high-quality public education for all students in an increasingly diverse student body, in partnership with local, state, and federal entities and encourage life-long learning opportunities in the Town.

Strategies:

- Work cooperatively with the School Department and School Committee to approve a budget that adheres to standard municipal accounting practices, is clear and understandable for all residents, and meets the short- and long-term operating and capital needs of the school system and the municipality.
- Work in conjunction with the School Department and School Committee to deliver a substance use prevention model for grades PreK-12.
- Advocate for more equitable funding in order to provide more resources to the Town. Strive to reduce the impact of unfunded state and federal mandates in addition to the revised Chapter 70 funding and make public aware of impact of same.
- Work cooperatively with school administration to develop plans for administrative and infrastructure consolidation. Conduct periodic assessments of consolidated services.
- Support initiatives to create a culturally-diverse educational environment for all public school students.
- Work to incorporate technology, including social media, to engage students and improve communication with them and their families.
- Identify and support opportunities for life-long learning in the Town for all constituencies.
- Support efforts to provide academic environments that promote physical, mental, and social wellness for all students.