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Town of Merrimack
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2016 Goal Setting

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PFOA

- Merrimack Village District's lack of communication to the public is concerning
- Decision to invite the Merrimack Village District Commissioners to a future council meeting to discuss concerns
- Town Manager to encourage MVD to communicate to the public regarding the PFOA contamination at St. Gobain

Polling Locations

- Need of Additional Polling Places
- Decision is to now have three polling locations for every election. The following locations were mutually agreed upon:
 - ✓ James Elementary
 - ✓ The Middle School
 - ✓ St. John Newman
- The town will supply a traffic plan and support for each location
- The town clerk will determine the size of the cohort that will vote at each location

Fund Balance

- Council reviewed the 2016 project list to determine if the any projects could be paid for out of the towns current fund balance
- A more permanent plan needs to be drafted to determine how fund balance will be spent in the future. Whether it is for projects, reduce taxes or both

Infrastructure

- Buildings and grounds could use a dedicated employee to manage multiple facilities and grounds. Specifically the town hall and the park and rec facilities. Currently this is being managed by the Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director
 - ✓ Council decided to table this discussion till the 2017 budget discussion
- Watson Park
 - ✓ The Town is to maintain the park

- Department of Public Works Garage
 - ✓ RFQ for engineering consultant to be issued for bids
 - ✓ Funding formula and draft Warrant article to be completed by December
- Public Safety Buildings
 - ✓ Decision is to hold on this project for now until the DPW garage is approved and built
 - ✓ Fire Chief to provide Administration and Council with a needs analysis for the South Fire Station
- Parks
 - ✓ Update is needed on the current status of Wasserman Park
 - ✓ The 2017 budget and future budget needs to include dollars for yearly maintenance to the park
 - ✓ School District needs to give directions as to what to do with the tennis courts located near their property
- Roads and Bridges
 - ✓ A thorough update was given to the council on the current status of their roads, bridges and storm water systems
- Library
 - ✓ The building is receiving ongoing maintenance
- Sidewalks
 - ✓ The Town manager is to meet with the Planning Board Chair, Economic Development Director and one Town Councilor to discuss the future of sidewalks in Merrimack.

Economic Development

- There was discussion with no formal decision whether or not the towns Economic Development Citizen Advisory Committee had accomplished their current assignment and may be in the need of a new assignment. Town Manager will discuss with the Community Development Director and report back to council
- Cell Tower
 - ✓ The council has asked that the Community Development Director update the council a future meeting to discuss the zoning amendment that may be needed to boost cell coverage in Merrimack
 - ✓ Councilor Boyd to do further research into bringing additional broad band to town

Parks and Recreation

- JOACC Contract
- There was a discussion regarding the JOACC contract renewal. Negotiations are ongoing. Council favorable with signing a new contract after they have had the chance to read contract and provide insight to the Town Manager

MYA Contract

- There was a discussion regarding the contract renewal with the MYA. Council will read contract and provide insight to Town Manager

Communications

- Property tax breakdown
 - ✓ It was agreed up to include the property tax break down again in this years tax bills.

Quality of Life Issues

- Griffin Street Boat Launch
 - ✓ Director of Public Works is asked to meet with Administration and Council to discuss the potential entry point on Mast road

Other

- Solar Projects and Exemptions
 - ✓ Municipal projects and potential exemptions are on hold till Administration and Council have had a opportunity to meet with the Town Assessor to discuss concerns and obtain answers to their questions.
- Staffing Analysis
 - ✓ The Fire Chief is requested to provide a detailed analysis into the departments future staffing needs
 - ✓ Further research will be completed to see if the current Treasurers position stay elected or become appointed.
- Town Code Update
 - ✓ The Town code needs to be updated every five years according the town charter
 - ✓ This is year five
 - ✓ Council has asked that all Department be asked on potential changes

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