

Town of Tolland, CT
Town Council Goals for 2011-2013
Priority Action Items identified by Town Council

1. Develop strategies for implementation and prioritization for future Town and/or BOE facility improvements or relocation.
2. Working with the EDC, Planning & Zoning and landowners to identify next steps to assist in moving forward development in the Tolland Village Area, Gateway Design District and Technology Zone.
3. Continue to increase use of volunteers for Town activities particularly area of the Fire Service.
4. Budget Goal –
 - Review the Town Budget to ensure that if there must be an increase it is defensible and to the extent possible the current level of services are maintained.
 - Examine the cost/benefit of alternative ways of delivering services.
 - Examine consolidation of functions.

Hold a joint meeting with the BOE in mid January to discuss budget philosophy.
5. Initiate discussions with the BOE regarding fiscal consistency among BOE/Town staff.
6. Work with WPCA and TWC on issues impacting the functioning of the Commissions.
7. Aggressively pursue grants that will enhance the quality of life in Tolland including, but not limited to, grants for open space, economic development, new program endeavors, affordable and/or senior housing and infrastructure projects.
8. Review contracts with vendors for possible cost savings including possible rebids.
9. Identify a use for the Parker School.
10. Identify ways for efficiency improvements excluding eliminating staffing.
11. Identify ways that BOE staff and facilities can be better used during times of emergencies within the community.
12. Support the Town Manager, the EDC and other Boards and Commissions in the marketing of Tolland for business development, expansion or relocation.
13. Identify possible locations for an additional affordable, senior housing development in Tolland.

14. Encourage public participation in Council meetings and discussions.

- Continue the use of Community Conversations when appropriate.
- Continue to rely on Town Administration for providing factual information on items brought to the Town Council's attention.
- During Town meetings ensure that all speakers use the microphones or speak loud enough for all to hear.

Explore multiple public hearings at different times for significant issues.

15. Continue to preserve, identify and acquire open space that enhances and preserves the character of the Town in perpetuity.