

Carver Select Board Meeting Minutes

Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor

June 18, 2019 - 6:00pm

Executive Session – (Exemption#3) Motion: Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation position; (civil action 1983cv00596 – case name “Maria Asvestas et al vs. Town of Carver et al”) that may have a detrimental effect on the town if held in open session as the chair so declares, and to reconvene in open session:

Tabled

7:00 pm

In Attendance: Chairman Ronald Clarke, Mark Townsend, Sarah Hewins, Robert Belbin, Town Administrator Milanoski (TA) & Shelby Blair.

Chairman announced Alan Dunham is in attendance via telephone

Chairman led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the community prayer.

Carver Citizen Participation: Donna Forand expressed her concerns on the cemetery fees for residents staying the same and non-residents should be increased.

Swearing in of Police Officers: Joshua McDermott, Brandon Rudolph & Alberto Silva

Police Chief Marc Duphily gave a brief overview of their achievements. McDermott, Rudolph & Silva were sworn in by Town Clerk Cara Dahill.

Appointment of Special Police Officers: Ashley Odell

Odell was appointed as Special Police Officer, but due to scheduling issues per Chief Duphily, Benjamin Jesse will not be appointed at this time.

Motion to approve the officers by Belbin, second by Townsend: Vote 5-0

Presentation and Update by Fuss and O’Neill on MVP Grant overseen by the Planning and Permitting Office:

Chief Weston gave a brief summary and background information on this process. The Fire Department & former Planning Director Stephen Cole were working together on this. He explained that this was 100% fundable by the grant. Diane Mas & Phil Moreschi presented a slideshow on the “Climate Change Water Resource Vulnerability and Adaptation Strategy Assessment” to the Select Board. (Presentation attached as handout)

Chairman asked the Board if they had any questions or comments for Phil & Diane.

Townsend - Where would the water sources stand based off the 15 water access sites that were mentioned. For a farm management plan how would that impact wells? Diane responded that since residents have private wells there would have to be a consideration of putting in different types of wells.

Belbin - How do the water ways go thru Town & how low are they? Also, are there any other grant opportunities with this process?

Phil responded with an explanation of the map shown on the board for the water ways. Diane then explained that other grant opportunities would be "actions grants" most likely and were shown on a report in the slideshow.

Chairman - What homes might have been effected by the drought? It was explained that it was based off the data that was collected for shallow wells and they would have to be drilled.

Hewins - What is the plan to encourage cranberry growers to implement this? Diane explained that it would have to be based off of the resiliency measures, opportunity to meet up with the farmers and ask what the best option would be and what their willingness would be, the Town would then have to prioritize their needs, and lastly the farmers would have to come up with a match.

Select Board update:

Townsend cancelled office hours for next week and is hoping to reschedule. He would also like to have it at the Council on Aging.

Question for TA - Any update on the stretch code of the green community?

TA - SRPEDD is working on the grant program and the goal is to have it completed by the end of the year.

Belbin - Questioned commercial businesses being out of residents homes. He would like to know who the public can go to for complaints on this. Would like to see an update with the Urban Renewal Plan every 6-8 months. Also, in the by-laws Appendix A & B should be posted on the website. He is setting up a table at the Farmer's Market on June 30th from 12-4 to speak with residents.

Chairman - To confirm the business, the Town Clerk does have record of all business licenses.

TA - explained that the Earth Removal Committee and especially Chairman Garretson is aware and will take the time to inspect and confirm this type of issue. Originally the Building Department (PEP) brought this issue up and Town Counsel is looking into this. Some of the issues can't be addressed but they are aware. For noise complaints those should be reported to the Police Station.

Hewins - explained her input on the nuisance by-law addressing issues that Belbin previously explained.

Chairman - Informed the Board & Public that the Carver Lion's Club will be having a golf tournament coming up and registrations are welcome, please contact him with any questions

and further information.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR BOARD & TA

Review the top three goals for Select Board - Discuss top three goals for FY21+

- Chairman provided the Board with seven Board of Selectmen Goals & Objectives as a handout (attached)

Belbin was in favor for #3 & #7. Hewins was in favor for #1, #3, and #5. Townsend was in favor for #3, #4, #6, and #7. He added that when referring to the paragraph at the bottom of this page that all meeting should be televised, Belbin agreed. Chairman was in favor of #1, #3, and #7. Dunham was in favor of #1, #3, and #7.

Motion to approve #1, #3, and #7 by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0

#1 stating – Develop a long-term vision of town funding including plans to deal with budget excesses and deficiencies

#3 stating – Improved communication with the public: town hall meetings, e-mail updates of activities, etc.

#7 stating – Regular updates for the public on waste disposal developments and options

TA Goals and Objectives:

- Chairman provided the Board with seven Town Administrator Goals & Objectives as a handout (attached)

Townsend was in favor of #1, #3, and #6. Belbin was in favor of #1, #3, and #6. Hewins was in favor of #1, #3, #5, and #7. Dunham was in favor of #1, #3, and #6.

TA – explained that the listed goals and objectives on the handout already do exist and are ongoing daily. Highlighting #1, #3, #5, and #6.

Belbin asked TA what his goals & objectives are. TA responded with #6 being his main priority. Dunham agreed. Chairman would like to see updates on a monthly basis.

Motion to approve #1, #3, #5, and #6 by Townsend, second by Belbin. Vote 5-0

#1 stating – E-mail updates of activities of the TA and departments on a monthly basis

#3 stating – Work closely with the schools and finance committee on finding ways to meet funding needs

#5 stating – Maintain effective communication with all town departments through frequent dialogue in groups and individually

#6 stating – Focus on the financial sustainability of the town, streamlining operations and effectively administering all capital projects.

Fee Increases

TA referenced back to Forand's public comment regarding the cemetery fees. Townsend stated his opinion that the resident fee for a cemetery lot be decreased to \$650 from \$700. He also stated that the non-resident fee for a cemetery lot be increased to \$1,000 from \$900. The fee for a Niche on cremation wall for non-resident all rows except bottom should increase from \$1,000 to \$1,200. The fee for a Niche on the cremation wall for non-resident for the bottom row should increase to \$1,000 from \$800.

Motion to approve schedule with amended figures by Townsend, second by Belbin. Vote 5-0

Approve Solar Tax Agreements for:

Center Street Carver Solar 1, LLC at 72 Center Street for 0.6 (MW) DC.

Townsend recused himself – he is an abutter to this property

TA explained that this agreement is for 20 years and has an annual payment of \$11,704.00.

Belbin would like to see the context of the agreement.

Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Dunham. Vote 3-1

Dissolve Committees and Boards created by the Select Board that haven't met in 6 months and have no minutes on file with the Town Clerk's office per By-Laws.

Chairman would like to have these committees posted for the public to view. Townsend would like to have a letter be sent out to each chairman of committee or at least a member of the committee so that they are aware. Dunham wanted to let the Board know that for some of the committees there might not be record of last chairman or members. Belbin explained that there are town reports that will show this information. Also, the Town Clerk record books will show as well.

Tabled

Approve Solar Tax Agreements for:

196TRE WHAM8 SOLAR, LLC located at 196 Tremont Street for 3.7 (MW) DC as previously approved by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for construction.

TA explained that this agreement is also for 20 years with an annual payment of \$71,931.00.

Belbin would like to see the context of the agreement.

Motion to approve by Townsend, second by Hewins. Vote 4-1

Town Administrator Update:

TA explained that Recreation Committee is working on the King Street Property and upon completion the BOS to follow chapter 97 once it's completed.

The new Director of Planning has gone through two rounds of interviews that included a screening process and will be starting July 8th. The previous Director, Stephen Cole is still providing technical assistance.

Request for Common Victualler License: Rick's Fresh Seafood, Inc, d/b/a Fresh and Friendly Seafood Market.

Motion to approve this Common Victualler License by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0

Minutes of 6/4/19:

Hewins informed Board that she sent edits to the Town Administrator's office.

Motion to approve by Townsend with Hewins edits, second by Belbin. Vote 5-0

Review and release of Executive Sessions minutes – pending legal review

TA explained that these are the Executive Session minutes that the Town Administrator's office has edited and reviewed and now they are sent to legal for their review.

Executive Session – (Exemption #2&3) Motion: Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions; (Dispatch) and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation position; (MCAD-library) that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session, and to reconvene in open session for purpose of adjournment.

Tabled

Motion to adjourn at 9:40pm by Townsend, second by Belbin. VOTE 5-0

Climate Change Water Resource Vulnerability and Adaptation Strategy Assessment

June 18, 2019

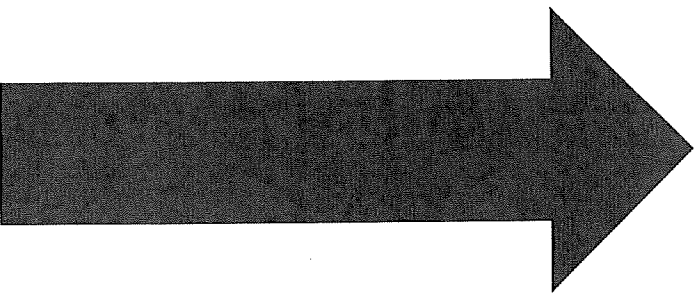


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Carver MVP Action Grant

- **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness MVP Program**
- **Planning for climate change resiliency**
- **Implementing priority projects**
- **Carver**
 - **MVP Planning Process - 2017-2018**
 - **MVP Action Grant 2018-2019**
- **Assessing vulnerability and planning for adaptation for firefighting and agricultural water supplies**

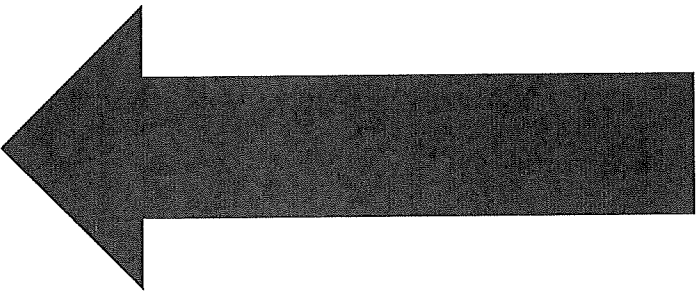
Climate Resiliency & Carver's Water Resources



- Temp & extremely hot days
- Precipitation >1", esp in winter
- Precipitation annually & in winter
- Consecutive dry days annually & in fall
- Episodic drought

Climate Resiliency & Carver's Water Resources

- **Low flow for stream**
- **Groundwater drop of 1-6 feet under drought of record conditions**

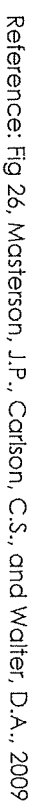


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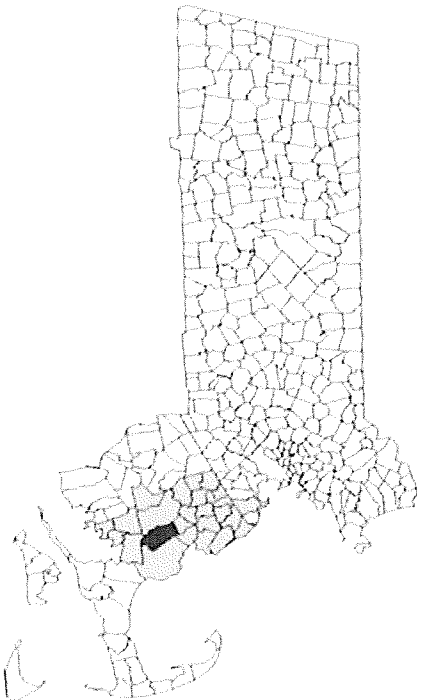
Hydrography

- Shoreline
- Intermittent Stream
- Perennial Stream
- Pond, Lake, Ocean

Reference: Fig 2

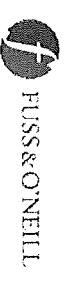


Climate Resiliency & Carver's Water Resources



- **Plymouth County vulnerability to wildfires**
- **Longer growing season, potentially greater water needs**
- **Fluctuations in frost early and late in growing season**

- **Identify
Firefighting Water
Supply Sources**
- **Field Assessment**
- **Vulnerability
Assessment**
- **Prioritization**



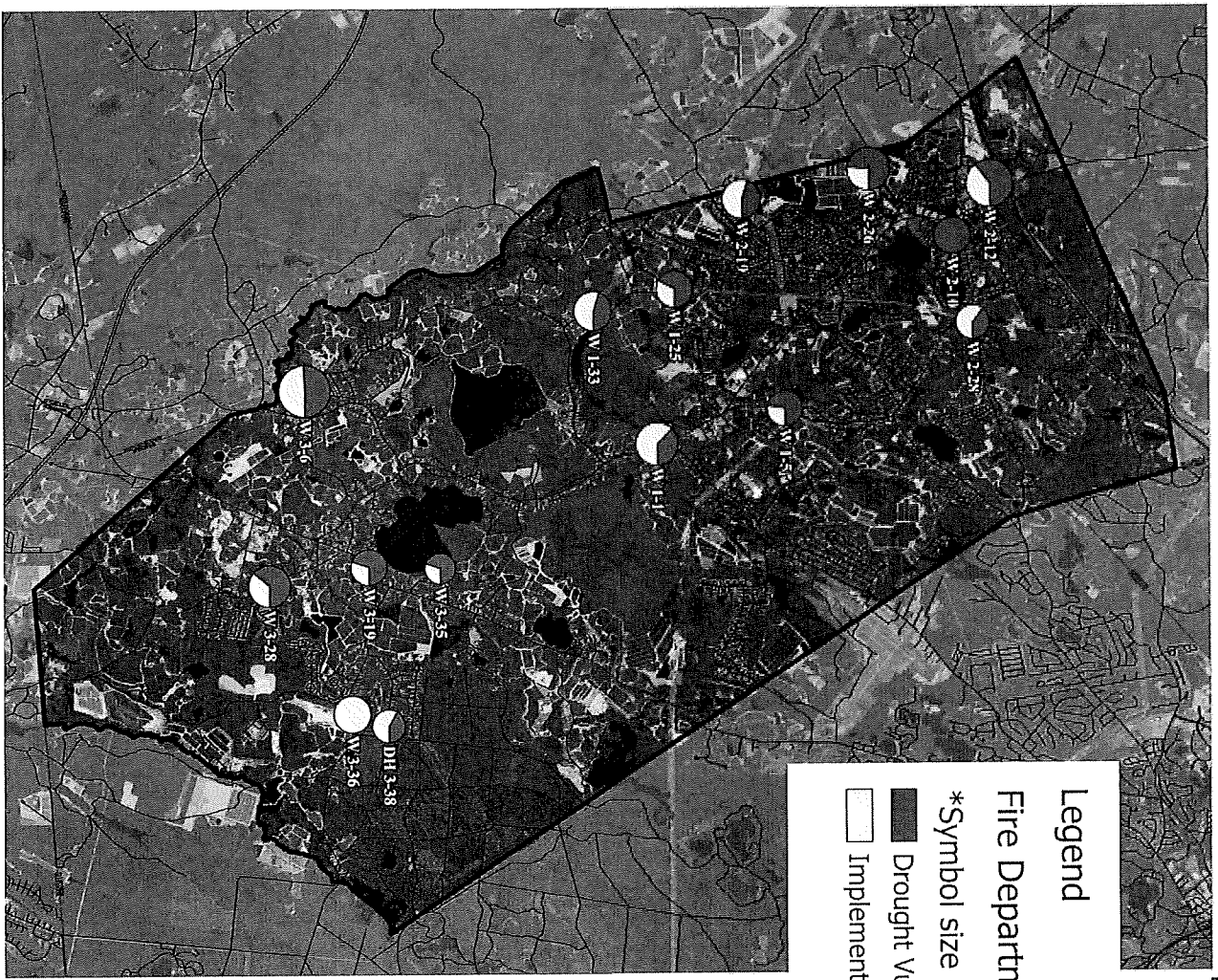
Firefighting Water Supply Assessment

- **Prioritization Tool**
 - **Relative Comparison**
 - **2 Domains**
 - **Drought Vulnerability Index**
 - **Implementation & Operational Considerations**
- **Multiple (Weighted) Factors within the Domains**

Firefighting Water Supply Assessment

Water Supply Site Identifier	Descriptive Location (Street or Water Source)	Domain #1:		Domain #2:		Domain #2:		PRIORITY RATING	
		DVI Raw Score	DVI Score (0-10)	Implementation Raw Score	Implementation Score (0-10)	SCORE (MAX = 20)	SCORE (0-10)	High (Dark Green) Medium (Light Green) Low (Gray)	
W 3-6	Bates Pond	40.00	10.00	39.50	9.64	19.64	10.0	10.00	
W 2-12	Shaw's Grocery Store	40.00	10.00	35.00	6.43	16.43	7.4	7.43	
W 2-26	Fuller Street Pond	40.00	10.00	31.00	3.57	13.57	5.1	5.14	
W 1-1	Route 58 Bridge	34.00	5.00	37.50	8.21	13.21	4.9	4.86	
W 3-28	Clear Pond	38.00	8.33	32.50	4.64	12.98	4.7	4.67	
W 2-19	Leland Way	34.00	5.00	34.50	6.07	11.07	3.1	3.14	
W 1-33	South Meadow Brook Pond	34.00	5.00	34.50	6.07	11.07	3.1	3.14	
W 2-10	Muddy Pond Brook	40.00	10.00	26.00	0.00	10.00	2.3	2.29	
W 3-36	Cranberry Road	28.00	0.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	2.3	2.29	
W 1-25	Beaver Dam Brook	36.00	6.67	30.50	3.21	9.88	2.2	2.19	
W 3-19	Lower Sampson Pond	36.00	6.67	30.00	2.86	9.52	1.9	1.90	
W 1-5	Old Center Street	36.00	6.67	29.50	2.50	9.17	1.6	1.62	
W 2-28	North Center Street Pond	32.00	3.33	33.00	5.00	8.33	1.0	0.95	
DH 3-38	Grady Pond	32.00	3.33	32.50	4.64	7.98	0.7	0.67	
W 3-35	Sampson Pond	34.00	5.00	29.00	2.14	7.14	0.0	0.00	

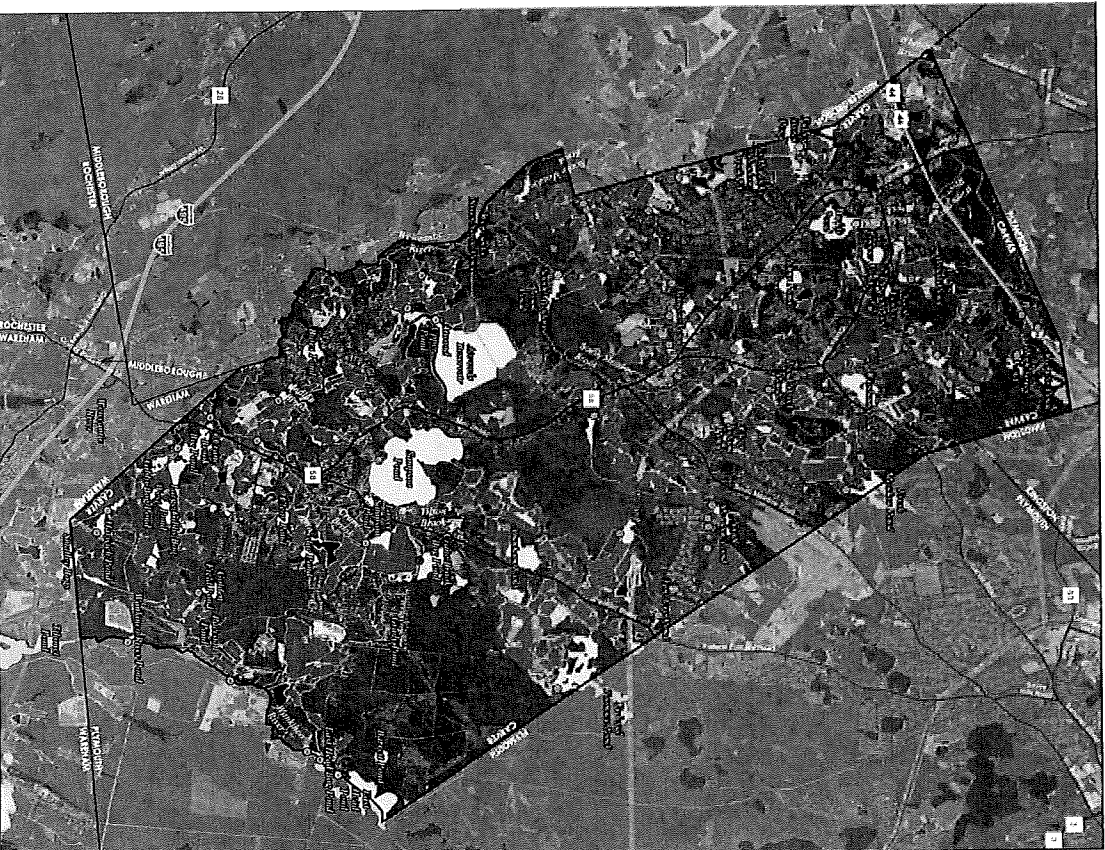
Firefighting Water Supply Assessment



Firefighting Water Supply Assessment

- **Drought Resilience**
 - **Dredging**
 - **Maintain Higher Water Levels**
 - **Engage in Other Planning Efforts**
 - **Engage Farming Community**
 - **Identify Funding**
- **Continuing Maintenance & Ecological Enhancement**
 - **Clear Banks of Vegetation**
 - **Remove Aquatic Vegetation & Invasives**
 - **Planting Emergent Aquatic Vegetation**

Agricultural Water Supply Assessment



- Identify Agricultural Water Supply Sources
- Field Assessment
- Cranberry Community Survey
- Identify and Recommend Management Alternatives

Map 4 - Cranberry Growing Water Supplies

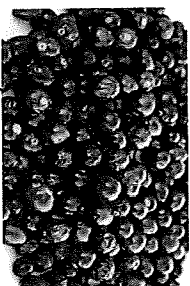
CLIMATE CHANGE WATER RESOURCE VULNERABILITY AND ADAPTATION STRATEGY ASSESSMENT
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Agricultural Water Supply Assessment

- **Identify and Recommend Management Alternatives**
 - Dredge to Remove Sediment or Increase Capacity
 - Augment With Groundwater
 - Increase Water Control Options
 - Increase Water Conservation/Reuse
 - Water Sharing/Diversion
 - Bog Type Conversion
- **Tool to Identify Potential Resiliency Measures**

Integrated Plan

- **Combines assessment findings**
- **Site-Specific and Town-wide recommendations**
- **Conceptual designs**
- **Implementation Plan**



Cranberry Growing Sources Resiliency Plan

Available Tools



Mapping of Sources



Potential Resiliency Measures Identification Tool



Mapping of Drought of Record Modeled Groundwater Levels

1

Apply Potential Resiliency Measures ID Tool

2

Identify with Growers Desired Resiliency Actions

Sufficient Storage

Water Recycling

Autostart Irrigation

New Source

Bog Conversion

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Budgeting for Resiliency Plan

Assist Grower in Developing Implementation Budget

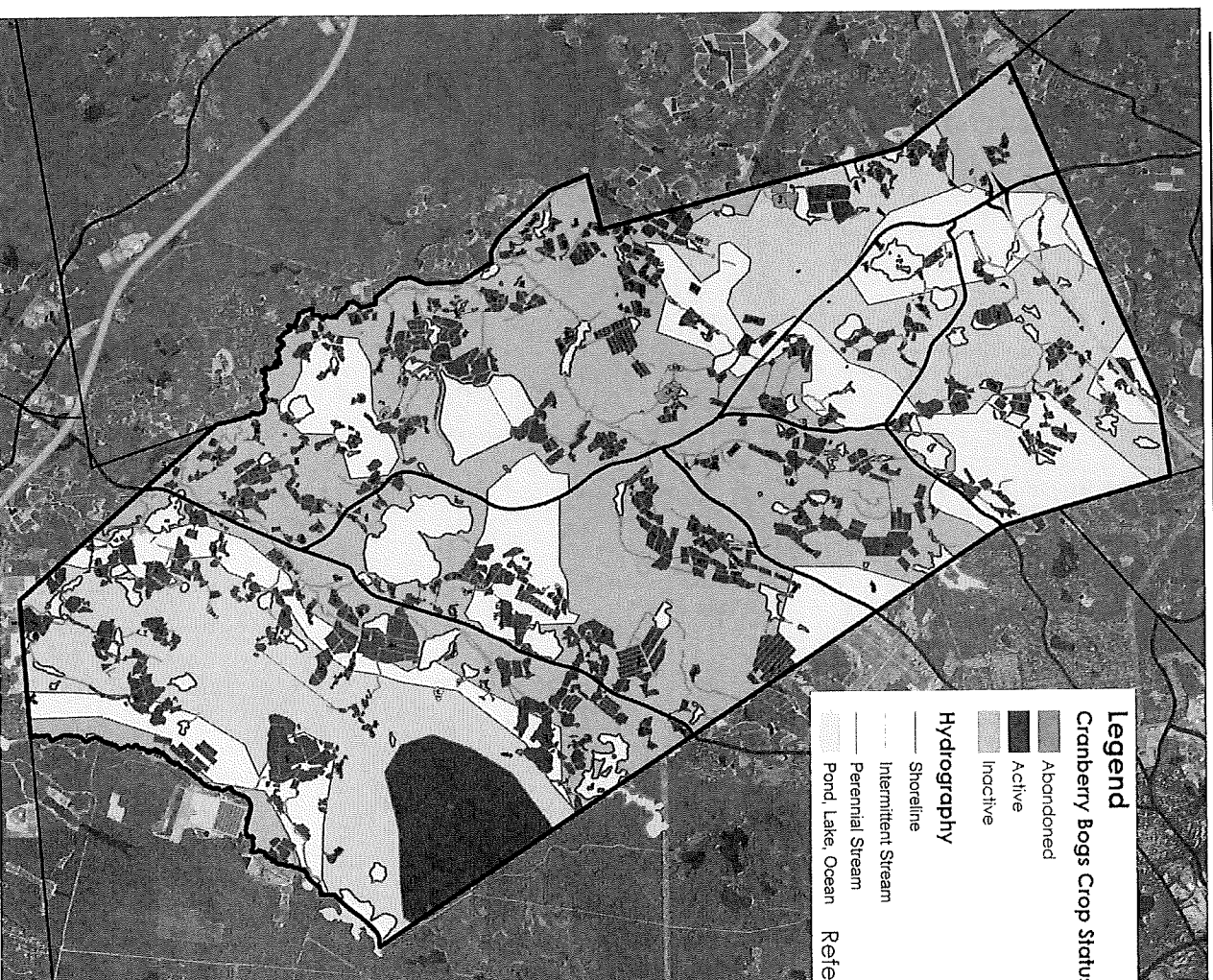
Cost Estimate

Funding Opportunities



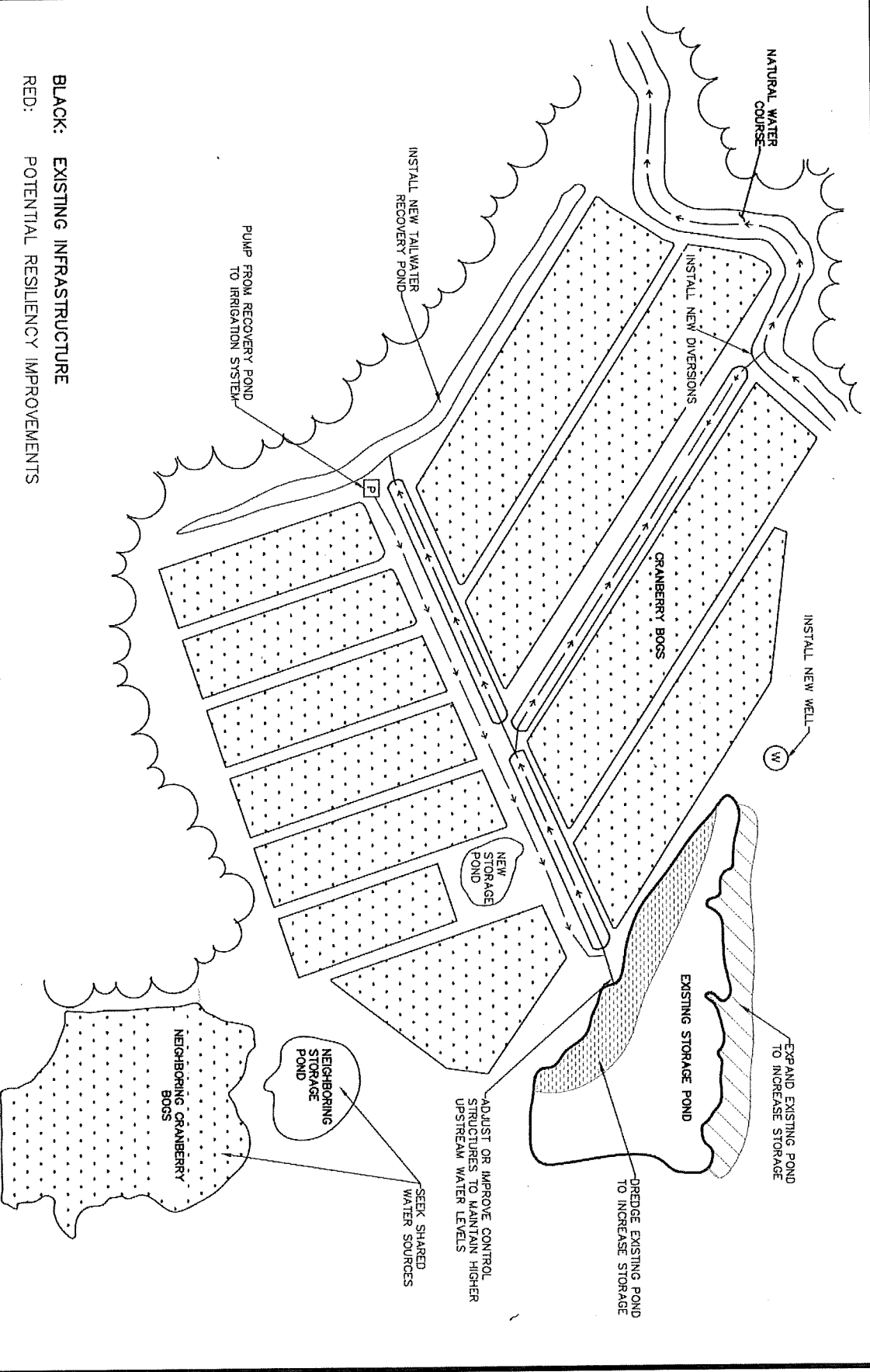
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Integrated Plan – Cranberry Water Supply



Reference: Fig 26, Masterson, J.P., Carlson, C.S., and Walter, D.A., 2009

Integrated Plan – Cranberry Water Supply





Firefighting Sources Resiliency Plan

Available Tools



Mapping of Sources



Prioritization of Resiliency Measures Tool



Mapping of Drought of Record Modeling Groundwater Levels

1 High Priority Firefighting Sources Ranked by Prioritization Tool

Implement Resiliency Measures (Dredging)

- Dredging to Create a Resilient Supply for 1960's Drought of Record Groundwater Level
- Assume Can Also Justify as NFPA-Approved Water Source

2 2nd Tier Priority Firefighting Sources

Use Prioritization Tool to Identify Next 10 Sources

Implement Resiliency Measures (Dredging)

- Dredging to Create a Resilient Supply for 1960's Drought of Record Groundwater Level
- Attempt to Also Justify as NFPA-Approved Water Source

3 Balance of Firefighting Sources

Use Prioritization Tool to Rank Remaining Sources

Implement Resiliency Measures (Dredging)

- Dredging to Create a Supply that is Functional for Current Normal Water Levels

4 Budgeting for Resiliency Plan

PRIMARILY DREDGING

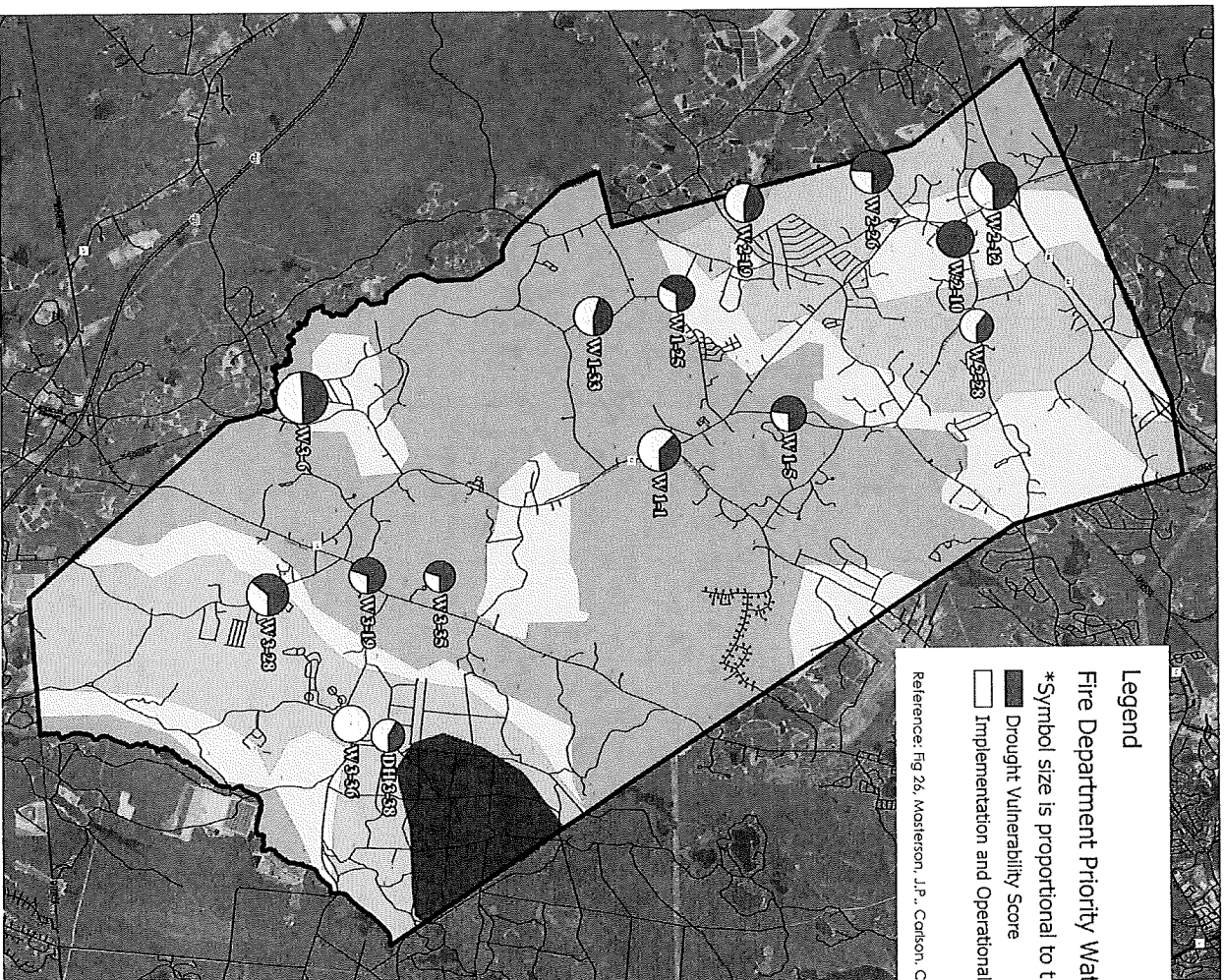
Develop Budget for Resiliency Actions for High Priority Sources

Develop Protected Budget for 2nd Tier Sources



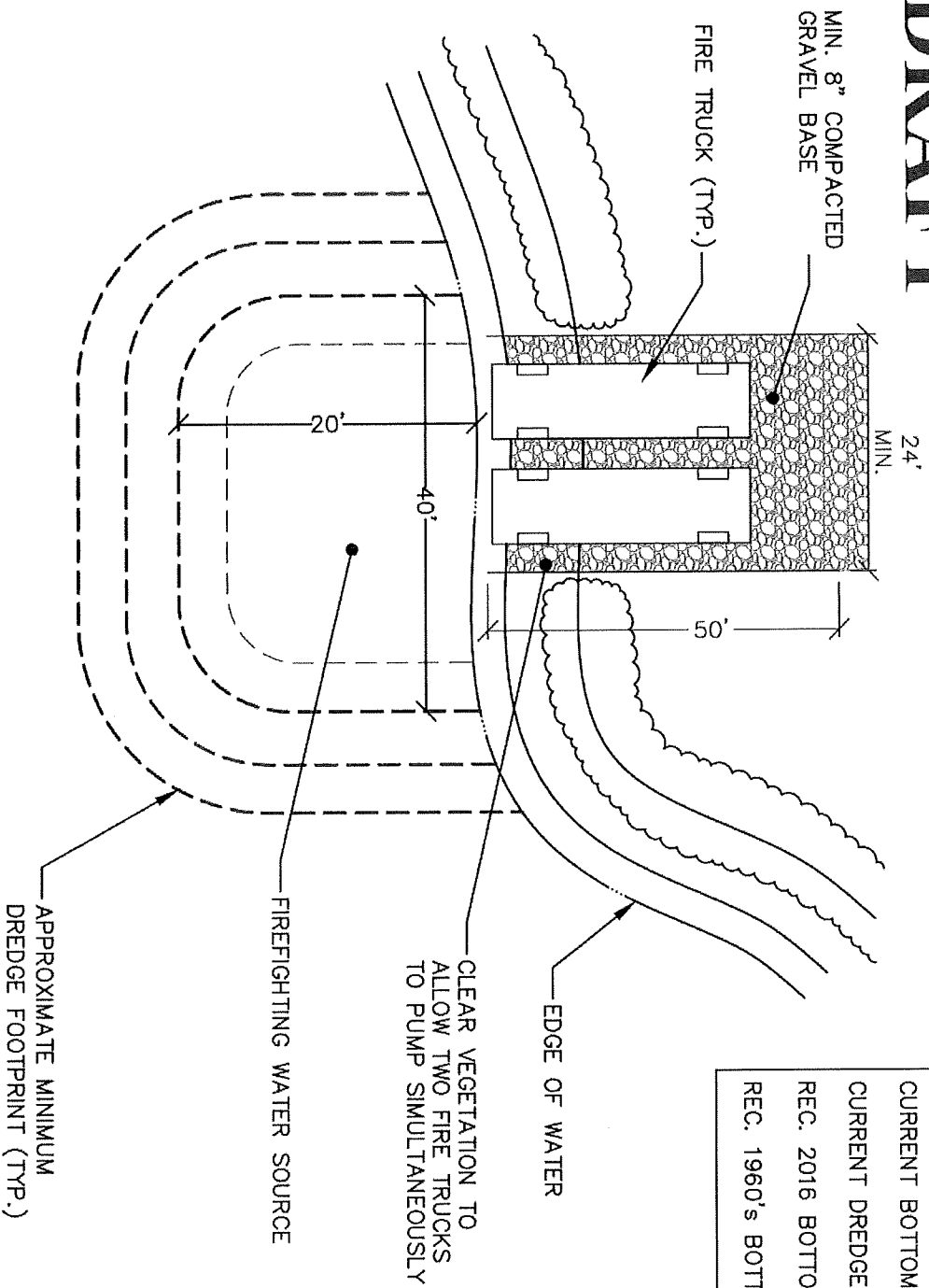
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Integrated Plan – Firefighting Water Supply



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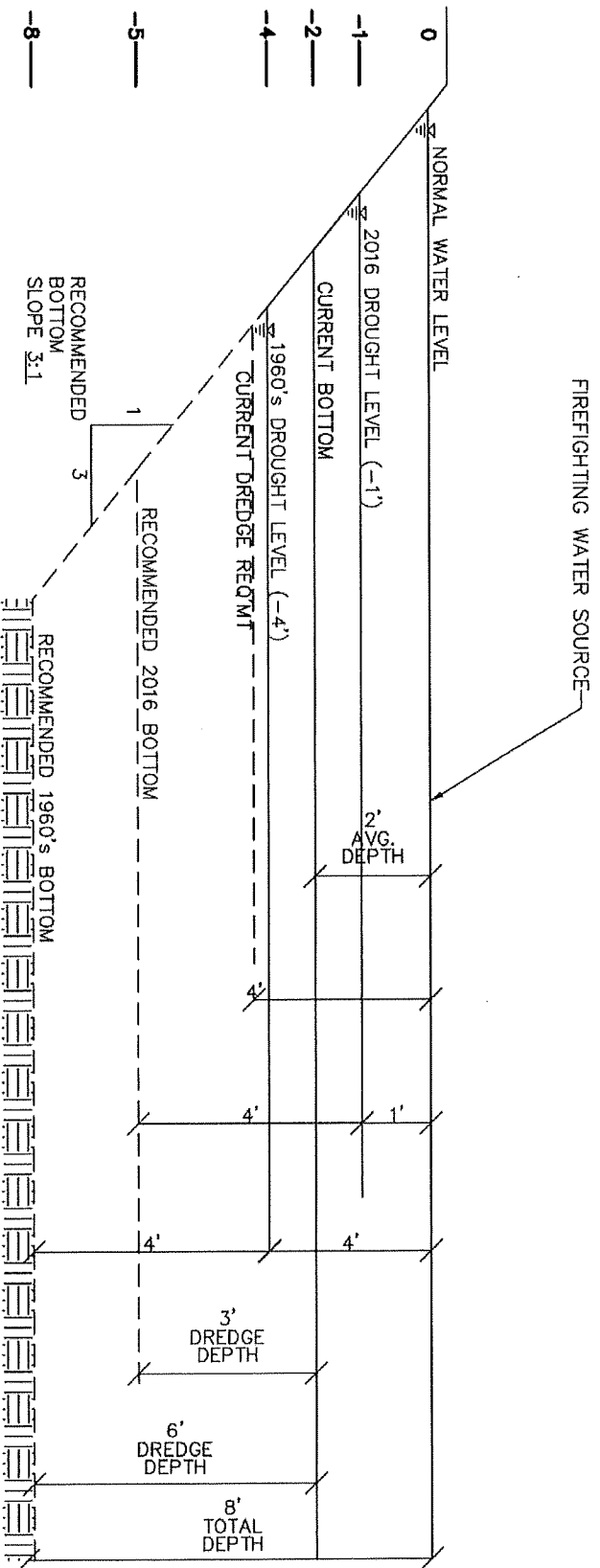
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KEY	
CURRENT BOTTOM	---
CURRENT DREDGE REQUIREMENT	---
REC. 2016 BOTTOM	---
REC. 1960's BOTTOM	---

Integrated Plan – Firefighting Water Supply

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Integrated Plan – Funding Sources/Strategy

- **MVP Action Grant**
 - 1-year grants
 - Phased-approach – design/permitting/construction
 - Consistent with MVP Priority Actions
- **State-Funded Conservation/Restoration**
- **Identify Project Champion**
- **Identify Matching Sources**

Integrated Plan – Next Steps

- <https://www.carverma.gov/planning-and-community-development>
- Close comment period – June 24
 - CarverMVP@fando.com
 - Comment form
- Finalize Plan – June 28
- Complete Grant Requirements – July 31
- Next MVP Action Grant – TBD – Late Summer/Fall 2019

Town Administrator 2019-2020 Goals and Objectives

1. Email updates of activities of the TA and departments on a regular basis quarterly, bi-weekly, monthly ?
2. Hold periodic town hall meetings 3-4 times a year
3. Work closely with the schools on finding ways to meet funding needs
4. Work with all departments individually in developing plans to deal with future funding shortfalls to find ways to minimize the impact on town services
5. Maintain effective communication with all town departments through frequent dialogue in groups and individually
6. Focus on the financial sustainability of the town, streamlining operations and effectively administering all capital projects
7. Work with the appropriate individuals and departments to implement the changes needed to qualify Carver as a Green Community and be eligible for future grant funding

Board of Selectmen 2019-2020 Goals and Objectives

1. Develop a long-term vision of town funding including plans to deal with budget excesses and deficiencies
2. Provide support and assistance in the construction of a new police station
3. Improved communication with the public : town hall meetings, email updates of activities, etc.
4. Lobby the state and representatives on its school funding focus, specifically special education and circuit-breaker
5. Explore town-wide energy efficiencies
6. Develop strategies to seek and develop new sources of revenue
7. Regular updates for the public on waste disposal developments and options

There was a suggestion to hold special meeting dedicated to just dealing with our chosen goals and objectives off and on throughout the year. The alternative would be to incorporate them into a healthy portion of our regularly scheduled meetings. The suggestion was also made to not televise those working meetings. They would be public meetings, without the distraction of cameras which may be more conducive to productivity.