

## **2010 BOARD OF SELECTMEN PRIORITIES**

### **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

#### Strategies:

- Continue to monitor economic climate and its effect on town budget and projects.
- Continue working with the Financial Review and Strategy Committee
- Develop a prudent 2010/2011 budget
- Continue to implement efficiencies and economies to reduce costs including an evaluation of shared services with the Board of Education
- Pursue grant opportunities and alternate funding for projects
- Renegotiate contracts and readjust fees where applicable
- Encourage greater fiscal transparency with Town block grant recipients
- Encourage transparency in the property assessment process through improved public education and awareness

### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### Strategies:

- Develop and implement as ready cohesive solutions to mitigate the effects of flooding and educate private property owners
  - Replace Heights Road drainage culvert and implement downstream improvements
- Continue efforts to improve the environment.
  - Partner with the City of Stamford to improve the health of Holly Pond
  - Partner with the Friends of Gorham's Pond to develop plans to dredge the Pond

### **OPEN AND COMMUNITY SPACE**

#### Strategies:

- Continue to improve maintenance of all open space, town properties and facilities
- Review and evaluate current use of Town owned properties and facilities
- Actively review available properties for acquisition
- Monitor the economic environment to work toward reinstatement of the elements of the Weed Beach Master Plan

### **HUMAN SERVICES**

#### Strategies:

- Assess need for additional funding for community support services
- Coordinate with the Human Services Planning Council, Darien Coalition Addressing At Risk Behaviors and other support groups so as to better address community issues
- Revisit BoS land use policy for the Senior Center site to build new Senior Center and affordable senior housing

## **DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

### Strategies:

- Encourage conceptual master plans for Downtown Darien, Noroton Heights and selected neighborhood commercial clusters (e.g., portions of the Post Road)
  - Consider Resource Report recommendations for consideration to be implemented in the downtown
  - Encourage the use of "smart growth" standards while planning for development
- Support the efforts of the Darien Chamber of Commerce

## **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION**

### Strategies:

- Continue to address congestion issues on the Post Road and in Noroton Heights with the Police Department and the Police Commission
- Work the with Police Department and Police Commission on traffic safety within Darien
- Pursue the completion of outstanding projects with CDOT
- Continue to implement improvements to Noroton Heights and Darien Rail Stations
- Develop plans to increase and better utilize commuter parking
- Develop priority areas for sidewalk replacement, extension and the addition of new sidewalks
- Explore and recommend safe areas for bike routes on roadways and include additional bike racks
- Support mass transit initiatives at the State level

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

### Strategies:

- Resolve status of 35 Leroy
- Review Affordable Housing Plan and identify implementation of recommendations
- Pursue a moratorium by facilitating development of affordable housing

## **2010 ONGOING GOVERNMENT CHARGES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Increase awareness and marketing of [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov) as a communications vehicle for the Town
- Assess and publicize emergency communications tools
- Support inter-agency communication between Town public safety agencies

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Fund Emergency Services
- Monitor the economic environment to work toward the reinstatement of the Darien Police Department Building Project
- Promote Aging in Place initiatives

### **PROTECT COMMUNITY INTERESTS**

- Monitor the following projects and issues:
  - Catenary B Replacement Project
  - Regional transportation issues
  - Shellfishing in Darien waters
  - Coastal water quality
  - I-95 Rest Stop redevelopment
- Meet target goal for road paving in annual budget

### **MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTABILITY**

- Implement technology to improve the efficiency and economy of Town Government
- Continue monthly staff meetings
- Develop a system to monitor and collect data to improve government performance
- Explore opportunities to expand communication and public education

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Continue to expand opportunities for resident participation in Town projects and issues
- Continue to participate in Volunteer Recognition Day by selecting a volunteer or project of the year to be honored