

## CHAPTER VI

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### COMMUNITY UTILITIES, FACILITIES, ORGANIZATION, & SERVICE

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#### A. Overview

Public and private utilities, facilities, and services play a critical role in providing for the health, safety, and welfare of Williamstown's citizens. All of us depend, in one way or another, upon water distribution systems, solid waste and sewage disposal, electric power, police and fire protection, health and social services, parks, local government and more.

The location, condition and availability of services and facilities can have a profound influence on growth and development. Homes, businesses, and industry tend to concentrate where utilities and facilities are readily available, while areas remote from infrastructure and services are more costly and difficult to develop (and often contain important natural resources as well). Hence, communities, through the thoughtful placement of infrastructure, may direct growth to the most suitable location, or away from areas where change may have undesirable impacts.

The condition and scale of utilities, facilities and services also needs to be considered. Where facilities are over-sized and under-utilized they may encourage unplanned growth, or operate inefficiently and at unnecessary financial expense to residents. For systems that are at capacity and/or outdated, further development may cause environmental damage. Failure to upgrade urban systems may stall new growth or push it away from growth-designated areas. Williamstown can avoid the above scenarios through the appropriate timing and sizing of infrastructure improvements.

#### B. Utilities

##### 1. Water supply

Much of the drinking water outside of the village comes from private wells. The amount and quality of ground water is of great importance to the town because it is the sole source for drinking and fire protection. Under much of Williamstown, groundwater is available in both quantity and quality. The town's municipal water system and private wells generally yield reliable and good quality drinkable water.

Williamstown's water system has changed dramatically over the years. See **Map 3** to see the location of our town water system. The construction of our municipal water system was completed in 1971-1972 and serves most of the dwelling units in the main part of the Williamstown Village, as well as the schools. In 2005-6 the town installed a new concrete 675,000-gallon reservoir on Rood Pond Road adjacent to the town well. Transmission mains connect the village areas to the water supply. During the 1970's and 1980's the town completed several projects to upgrade and extend the water distribution system. In the mid-1980's, the water source for the town became impacted by dry cleaning solvents and the town completed the siting of a new water source.

In 1991 and 1992, a new town well was drilled, replacing one that had become impacted by dry cleaning solvents. The new well is located at an upland well site just south of Mountain View Development off the Rood Pond Road. Residents in the Consent Decree Zone were required to stop using their own wells and attach their drinking water pipes to the town water system. The Mountain View Development was also hooked-up to the new

town water system when it was constructed. In 1992, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) conducted hydrant testing of the Williamstown water system and identified significant deficiencies in supply pressure and flow at the high school. Moderate deficiencies were found on Route 14 near the industrial center. The new reservoir and pump system addressed these problems.

The new reservoir and pump are capable of producing 400 gpm (gallons per minute). The town built a pre-stressed concrete water storage tank that has a 675,000 gallon capacity. The resulting water pressures have cured the deficiencies in the system.

The system has been producing on average 27 to 28 million gallons per year. This averages 80,000 gallons per day but would not be accurate due to the increased demand during certain times of the year, Fire Department usage, or substantial leaks. The storage capacity offers quite a buffer for peak demands. With a possible maximum production of 576,000 gallons per day the system could easily meet double the current demand.

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has identified several Well-Head Protection Areas (WHPA) within Williamstown. (see **Map: 3**) These areas are defined as "the surface and sub-surface area surrounding a spring of well water supplying a public water system through which contaminants are likely to move toward and reach such water supplies." A WHPA may also be referred to as a "recharge area", or in Vermont law as a "public water source protection area." The WHPA is divided into 3 zones that require increasing levels of source protection closest to the well. The DEC requires that municipalities develop a "source protection plan" designed to minimize contamination risks within these areas. The town has a Well Head protection policy that can be reviewed at the Williamstown town hall. However, without zoning bylaws Williamstown has limited mechanisms to use for monitoring and restricting development, land uses, and activities from these sensitive zones. Preventative measures can save people's health, the town's money, and avoid water supply disruptions.

## 2. Wastewater

### A. Public

Williamstown village and some outlying areas are served by municipal sewer systems. Williamstown's own plant, constructed in 1970, currently serves about 360 customers. About 26 residences in Graniteville are served by the Barre Town system. Residents in both service districts are charged user fees for system maintenance and hook-up fees are required for new development. **Map 3** depicts the location of the town's sewer lines.

The Williamstown sewer collection system has three pump stations located at Industrial Road, Business Park and Mountain View. The sewer system is a gravity collection system.

Treatment of the waste is by an aerated dual lagoon system located at the end of Vesper Street. The system has a design capacity (MGD) of .150 million gallons per day (MGD), an average daily flow of .089 MGD, and a committed reserve of 6,948 MGD and an uncommitted reserve of 59,469. Its uncommitted reserve capacity could accommodate a little over 100 additional average single-family residences.

In the past 10 years, the sewer plant has had several improvements, including removing sludge from one lagoon, installing new aeration equipment, and replacing 240 feet of deteriorated sewer main. The collection system is in good shape. In the future, the treated sewerage discharge point for the system may have to be

extended to the new bridge on Brockway Hill road to improve the discharge into a waterway with a higher flow rate. There are no known needs to replace sewer mains. Extension of the collection mains beyond the present service area would be the financial responsibility of a developer if capacity is not an issue. However, the service area will be limited to the village area and have a clear boundary between the rural areas.

The Graniteville area of Cogswell is served by a municipal sewer from Barre Town through an inter-municipal agreement.

## **B. On-site**

The majority of homes and buildings in Williamstown have on-site, underground seepage disposal, as about three quarters of the Williamstown population lives in rural areas outside of the service territories of Williamstown Wastewater Treatment Facility. The proper treatment of septic waste is essential to a clean and healthy environment. As our population grows, sanitary disposal will become more important. Effective June 14, 2002, all new subdivision of property must obtain a permit from the state certifying the adequacy of septic design.

Most on-site septic systems require specific soils and site characteristics to enable the effective treatment of wastes. Where soils are impermeable, too permeable, shallow, or wet, or where slopes are steep, conventional septic systems are problematic and potentially hazardous. Accordingly, non-sewered areas displaying site limitations are not recommended for conventional on-site systems. Restricting such areas, however, intensifies development pressure on those soils, which can accommodate septic systems. Unfortunately, prime agricultural land often contains such soils. Clustered subdivisions with community septic systems may help overcome site limitations and simultaneously protect resource lands."

It is also important to note that as 2002, applications for "performance based" systems (as opposed to conventional, leach area systems) may be used where ground slopes exceed 20%. Please refer to the Department of Environmental Conservation's *Environmental Protection for Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rule* for more information on "performance based" systems.

## **3. Electricity**

Williamstown and its residents receive electricity services from Green Mountain Power Company as well as Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. There are currently numerous residents that are using alternative sources of power and are considered "off the grid".

*See Chapter 7 for further information regarding alternative energy opportunities and resources*

## **4. Telecommunications**

A modern telecommunications system with high-speed connections is essential if Williamstown wants to enhance its business climate and meet the needs of its residents the existing businesses and create new ones. Due to the low density of population and Williamstown's rugged landscape, we will need a combination of cable and wireless service to ensure universal Internet access. These new technologies will help revitalize the town by enabling people to live in rural areas and still access their workplaces from their homes and do business around the world.

Currently, the town has a number of telecommunication facilities and towers located on Tower Road to accommodate the communication needs of residents and businesses. In 2002, Independent Wireless One Leased Reality Corp., NEXTEL constructed a cell phone tower off Stone Road in Williamstown.

The Federal Telecommunications Act (FTC) of 1996 does not allow local governments to prohibit the construction of wireless facilities, or to make regulatory barriers so difficult as to effectively block service. However, according to law any installation, construction or modification of telecommunication facilities must go through the Act 250 process. Issues such as the aesthetic impact of the installation, fall zones, and the possibility for the creation of "attractive nuisances" should be addressed in this process.

## **C. Facilities**

### ***1. Municipal Buildings and Land***

#### ***A. Town Hall***

Williamstown town hall and offices are located in a municipally owned building on Route 14 in the center of the Williamstown village. The building was constructed in 1853 and was originally 1 1/2 floors. It was raised another floor in the late 1800s. The Williamstown town hall is a fine example of the New England town halls built during the middle 1800s. In the 1980's it was lowered back to 1 1/2 floor and renovated to its current condition.

The town hall currently houses the Town Clerk, Town Manager, Town Treasurer and Lister's offices. There is also a larger conference room used for a variety of public meetings, including those of the Select Board (Executive Sessions), Planning Commission, Cemetery Commission, Economic Development Committee, Transportation Committee, and Energy Committee. (The Select Board currently meets in the High School Library on the first and third Mondays of the month)

The meeting room has a small kitchen space, a long table, chairs for visitors, and about 8 filing cabinets. This space is currently used for files, land record research, project workspace, or any small meetings. Unfortunately, the parcel where the town hall is located does not allow for any expansion of the building. The parking lot is located on an adjacent lot owned by the Williamstown Historical Society and is inadequate during larger public meetings.

In the short term, the planning commission recommends that the town clean-up the second story of the town hall and remove unneeded items, then have a *neutral* structural engineer examine the building and assess for structural problems. If possible, town officials should fix structural problems so that the space can be better utilized and possibly house a vault that could be used for historical records. Any changes to the existing building should not significantly alter its historical appearance.

### ***B. Town Garage***

The town garage is located on 77 Brockway Hill Road adjacent to Meadow Street. The building is occupied by a 5 person highway department. The building has a 16 x 22 foot office, a restroom, and a break room was added in 2002. Fuel is stored on site in underground gas and diesel tanks.

### ***C. Historical Society Building***

Staffed by volunteers, the Historical Society Building, located on Route 14 in the center of the village, opens primarily by appointment. The historical museum has a large collection of artifacts, pictures, and documents on display. It also offers monthly meetings May through October that inform the public on subjects from local folklore, to early photography, to old time fiddling. In 2002, the town voted to replace the roof with a new standing seam metal roof.

### ***D. Old Town Landfill***

A 93-acre site is located on the south end of the village with access to Vermont Route 14, the Stevens Branch flows along the easterly side of the property. The town closed a section of the site due to contamination problems. Currently, the property is not being used, but could be considered space for future outdoor opportunities..

### ***E. Library***

Mrs. Laura Ainsworth donated the property and building for the Ainsworth Public Library in 1911. Once established, the town named the library after her. Throughout the years, the library has had many benefactors and volunteers, and many people have donated books and money to sustain its operation.

Today, the Ainsworth Public Library offers a variety of services including reference, special reading programs, Story Hour, Adopt-a-Book program, Inter-library Loan program, Internet access, Children's Room, special services to seniors (home delivery, computer tutorials, large print books and books on tape), and an extensive book collection of over eleven thousand volumes. Community members can find general information about the Town at the library.

The library is open partial days Monday through Saturday.

### ***F. Cemeteries***

Williamstown has several cemeteries. Williamstown is responsible for three: West Hill, East Hill, and the Village Cemetery. Adams and Flint cemeteries are privately owned and maintained by their owners. The Adams Cemetery is located on the Robert Boyce farm and consists of one gravestone. Flint Cemetery has 12 gravestones and is located off the Chelsea Road.

### ***G. Recreational Resources***

Williamstown's still very rural nature provides its residents with a wide variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation. Snow shoe and cross-country skiing across local fields, snowmobiling on local trails

maintained by the Billtown Moonshiners Snowmobile Club, horseback riding on back roads, sightseeing, and 4 wheeling on special trails are activities available in Williamstown. Sports are also important. Teams and clubs for basketball, baseball, and soccer are opportunities in town.

Facilities include Seaver Recreational Field (the Williamstown baseball/softball field), the Williamstown High School and Elementary School facilities and Saldi Field. Saldi Field space offers a basketball court, 3 soccer fields, playground, and restrooms. Events sponsored by the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (V.A.S.T) and horse clubs bring many visitors to our Town.

The following is a list of all the other outdoor activities residents participate:

- nature walks, hiking, biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, snowmobiling
- Limehurst Pond (swimming, boating, camping, hiking)
- Camp at Lotus Lake Day Camp, (educational program to tourists and local children)
- Hunt and fish

Williamstown's best-kept secret is Ainsworth State Park, which is located at the south end of Town. This facility encompasses approximately 885 acres of land; 584 acres of which is in Williamstown. Its steep, densely wooded slopes rise from Williamstown Gulf on the east side of Route 14. Activities compatible with the parks primary goal of protecting bio-diversity are encouraged and allowed (i.e., hunting, hiking, and fishing are allowed). Vermont Route 14 constitutes most of the western boundary of the park but offers little access. Additional access is available to hikers from the east via the South Hill Road and Winchester Hill Road.

Ainsworth State Park's location and accessibility make it ideal for use as an outdoor educational classroom for resource managers, landowners, and for our children and adult learners to learn about our natural resources. The park is an extremely sensitive site with a rich diversity of plants.

## **H. Services**

### **Municipal Government**

A five member Select Board has general supervision and control over town functions, including but not limited to: enacting ordinances and regulations; overseeing town property and personnel; preparing, presenting, and managing the budget; overseeing road maintenance; and maintenance of the property records. The town also operates the water and sewer facilities. The "*green books*" located in the town office are helpful regarding the laws relating to the Select Board authority.

The Select Board hires a town manager to assist in managing the business of the town. The town manager is responsible for the daily operations of the town including developing and managing the town budget, grants writing, supervision of employees, community relations, care and maintenance of town roads and facilities, and intergovernmental relations. In 2004, and again in 2009, residents affirmed their desire to keep the town manager form of government in Williamstown.

The town moderator, town clerk, town treasurer, cemetery commissioners, tax collectors, health officer, listers, library trustees, school directors, justices of the peace, planning commissioners, and a wealth of community volunteers also devote many hours serving our town. These community members act as advisors, helpers, and educators to their local governing body.

Unlike some states and larger cities, Williamstown's local government is still accessible to those who wish to participate. Traditional Town Meeting Day, the first Tuesday in March, is very important to Williamstown residents because it allows them to determine local issues and set local laws for themselves. Williamstown has no meetinghouse, so our town meetings are held in the Williamstown High School to discuss and vote on issues.

The local property tax burden continues to be one of the most serious issues currently facing Williamstown. The ability to pay for municipal government services affects how well Williamstown will be able to accomplish the *Town Plan* goals and grow in the manner envisioned. The following is a summary of the history of Williamstown's tax rate:

Municipal

<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
0.62	0.72	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.70	0.55	0.61	0.67	0.66	0.54

**Post Office**

The post office is located in the south end of Williamstown village and is set back from the road. Given the population increases in Williamstown, the needs of the post office will most likely outgrow its space within the next 10 years. Williamstown should explore alternative locations within the downtown area of the village.

**Animal Control Officer**

Williamstown currently has an animal control officer. He is on-call and can be contacted through the town office or by calling the Barre Police Department 802-479-0509.

**2. Emergency Services**

**A. Police/Crime**

The Orange County Sheriff's Department provides police protection through an annual contract. In 2009, the Department recorded a total of 424 incidents or calls for service in Williamstown. The Vermont State Police also provides law enforcement within Williamstown through their normal delivery of service.

As of May 2010, the Vermont Department of Corrections most recent "town by status" count for Williamstown revealed:

- 32 citizens on probation
- 5 citizens on parole
- 7 citizens on conditional re-entry
- 1 citizen in jail

## 2009 Crime Statistics for Williamstown

- Number of Rape/Sexual Assaults/Sexual Offenses 12
- Number of domestic violence/Family Fight 32
- Number of breaking and entering 24
- Number of Assaults 12
- Number of Citizen disputes 59
- Number of Juvenile problem 22
- Number of Motor vehicle complaints 71
- Number of Noise disturbance 22
- Number of Phone problem. Harassment 27
- Number of Suspicious Person/ Circumstances 101
- Number of Threatening 29
- Number of Unlawful Mischief 27
- Number of thefts 43
- Number of robberies 1
- Number of speeding tickets 42
- Number of Alcohol offenses 28
- Number of arrests 72

### ***B. Fire***

The Williamstown Fire Department was formally organized in February of 1911. The Williamstown Volunteer Fire Department operates a station on Depot Street in Williamstown Village. Currently there are 24 volunteers. The District receives assistance and back-up when needed from members of the regional Mutual Aid System.

In 2009, the Williamstown Fire Department responded to mainly vehicle accidents and structural fires in addition to a wide variety of other service calls.

If you have questions on safe burning of debris and permits you must contact the Forest Fire Warden, Bryan Palmer at (802) 433-1019.

### ***C. Enhanced 911***

The Enhanced 9-1-1 Board supervises the operation of Vermont's Enhanced 9-1-1 system. The Board trains and certifies the 9-1-1 call-takers, maintains a statewide Global Information System (GIS) database and disseminates information about 9-1-1. The board depends on regular information updates from municipalities to ensure complete coverage.

### ***D. Ambulance***

Volunteers and full time personal support the Williamstown Ambulance service, spending many hours serving the community. These members sponsor emergency medical courses, community awareness programs, and respond to emergency calls. The ambulance service recorded 384 services in fiscal year 2009. The following is a summary of those services: 232 patients were transported to hospital by the ambulance services, and there were 72 calls for no transport or transport by another agency responding in a mutual-aid capacity, 18 for stand-by fire services, and 47 for vehicle related services.

### ***3 Health and Wellness***

Private and public health care providers, located throughout the Washington and Orange County areas, serves Williamstown. Service providers include the Clara Martin Center for mental health needs, Washington County Youth Services Bureau/Boys and Girls Club, Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Central Vermont Council on Aging, Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, and the People's Health and Wellness Clinic. All healthcare services are located outside of Williamstown except for a chiropractor's office and an ambulance service.

The Williamstown Health Officer's Report indicated approximately 40 health related complaints and investigations were reported between June 2008 and June 2009. Residents complaints consisted of such issues as, dog bites, garbage and refuse disposal, environmental sampling for testing, septic sewage disposal and pesticide use.

### ***4 Childcare***

The shortage of reliable and affordable childcare has become a barrier for many Williamstown residents trying to enter the workplace. The cost of childcare has increased due to the increased cost of living, liability insurance, and supplies. Childcare is difficult to find, especially for infant and school-aged care. Williamstown has numerous amounts of registered and non-registered child care providers. Child Care resource and referral agency that can help citizens with their search for childcare is located at the Family Center of Washington County at (802) 828-8771. Additionally, the Williamstown Elementary Preschool Program provides limited childcare services between 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### ***5 Solid Waste***

Vermont's waste management law, Act 78, requires municipalities to plan for the management and disposal of solid waste, and provides for region-wide coordination. The town is a member of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (C VSWMD). The District reports that Williamstown residents generate many tons of solid waste each year. CVSWMD is responsible for planning solid waste disposal and ensuring that residents and businesses recycle selected waste materials. They provide leadership, education, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible. CVSWMD has programs and services related to solid waste including Illegal Dumping and Prevention, Illegal Burning Preventions, Green-up Day Grants, Hazardous Waste, and many others. They can be contacted at (802) 229-9383 for information about specific programs. The town augments the CVSWMD by having Donald Giroux Trucking established a trash drop-off and recycling site that is located in the town garage parking lot on Meadow Street.

Williamstown participates in Vermont Green Up day. Call the town clerk's office for further information.

## 6 Organizations

### A. Churches

Williamstown's faith-based communities are housed in most charming buildings in Williamstown. These include the Williamstown United Federated Church, Congregational/Methodist, Main Street; Saint Edwards Catholic Church on Beckett Street; and Williamstown Lutheran Church on Graniteville road. The interdenominational Grace Christian Church meets at the Williamstown Methodist Church. All of these churches retain their architectural character and appear untouched by time. The town's tower clock is located on the top of the Congregational Church. In 1921, Mr. Bert C Hoyt, a local sawmill owner, donated the E. Howard tower clock to the town of Williamstown. In 1998, the town had the clock's mechanisms and dials restored.

Good citizenship is one of Williamstown's greatest strengths and there are numerous examples, including, church members helping neighbors who need a helping hand, dinners for the elderly, Christmas Tea for the Adopt-a-Family program, Billtown Moonshiners Snowmobile Club have donated many hours and equipment to the community, and The Garden's Art Exhibition/Holiday Party.

The town also contains a number of membership organizations, including : Brownies, 4H Club, Garden Club, Girl Scouts, Happy Moments Club, Historical Society, Masons, Boonie Club, Moon-Shiners Club, SADD Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Dog River Horse Club, and Rebekahs.

**COMMUNITY UTILITIES, FACILITIES, SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>POLICIES &amp; TASKS</b>
<p><b>Guide the physical development of Williamstown in a manner conducive to community pride, social interaction, and identity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a capitol budget 5 to 15 Capitol Investment Plan (CIP) as a means to plan for expenses and/or anticipated requirements</li> <li>▪ Survey municipally owned buildings to get a better understanding of future demand, identify funds required, and to prioritize future funding.</li> <li>▪ Survey Foxville residents to determine interest and future need for village development</li> </ul> <p>Digitize town records</p>
<p><b>To protect the quality and quantity of water in public systems</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate residents about where the village drinking water comes from and how to protect the aquifer recharge area</li> <li>• Collect, update and disseminate information on Williamstown's current and future groundwater supplies for drinking water and fire safety on a regular and needed basis</li> <li>• Ensure that new development and land use activities do not create undue adverse impacts on groundwater quality, or exceed the capacity to supply adequate groundwater yields to existing and future residences and businesses</li> <li>• Encourage water projects in the village areas or areas to maximize efficiency and effectiveness Request on-site municipal assistance from the Environmental Compliance Assistance Program , as needed, to identify and recommend corrective action regarding compliance with environmental regulations</li> </ul>
<p><b>To ensure Williamstown's wastewater system has the capacity to serve its residents and protect the safety of its residents and environment.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robar Road and part of Graniteville Road should be studied because of failed, on-site, septic systems; poor soils and high water tables, and for extensions to the service area</li> <li>• Ensure that infrastructure sewer projects comply with ANR's sewer funding rule and all projects should obtain Act 250 permits where applicable Ensure that public funds are used for sewer expansion in the village area</li> </ul>
<p><b>To maximize efficiency and minimize environmental damage through sound solid waste management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote waste reduction, re-use, recycling, proper management and disposal of town solid waste programs and opportunities</li> <li>• Consider offering disposal services for other types of items/materials as needed</li> <li>• Encourage volunteers to participate in Vermont Green-up Day to keep roadsides clean and the Adopt-a-Site program to clean up illegal dumpsites</li> <li>• Develop a local ordinance on illegal dumping Offer learning opportunities on composting and recycling</li> </ul>
<p><b>Preserve the character, appearance, and natural resources of the town while allowing adequate</b></p>	

**telecommunication services to be developed**

- Discourage ridgeline development or conspicuous development on locally prominent landscape/scenic features unless maximally screened, or clearly in the best interest of the general public
  - Encourage adequate setback and health effects by locating telecommunication services away from sensitive areas such as schools, hospitals, teen centers, and childcare facilities
- Work with the community to draft a Model Wireless Telecommunications Facilities ordinance to protect our scenic, historic, environmental, natural resources, and other sensitive areas like the schools and childcare facilities for adoption by the town

**Revitalize the sense of community by recognizing the role played by the historic sites, landmarks, and symbols**

- Encourage the preservation, restoration, and use of historic sites and community landmarks to foster community identity
  - Place outstanding historic buildings on the National Register of Historic buildings
  - Strive to keep all town owned historical buildings preserved to keep their historical significance and beauty
  - Ensure adequate funding arrangements for long-term maintenance of all historical buildings owned by the Town by putting funds into a capital reserve fund
  - Seek public and private funds to study and preserve historic buildings
- Ensure adequate funding arrangements for long-term care of Town Maintained cemeteries.

**To promote and enhance quality childcare opportunities to families with young children**

- Support the expansion/enhancement of the preschool program, at the elementary school, to include a 3year old program
  - Support expansion/enhancement of childcare facilities
  - Encourage businesses to offer assisted childcare centers
  - Encourage childcare centers to seek national childcare credentialing by completing the Certified Childcare Professional certification and other educational opportunities
  - Encourage illegal childcare operations to become registered or licensed facilities
  - Conduct a community survey of local businesses, childcare providers and young families to ascertain childcare needs and deficiencies
- Support after school childcare programs

**To protect and preserve our historical buildings, barns, and cultural resources**

- Seek historic preservation grants for educational , preservation and rehabilitative purposes
- Encourage understanding of our historical and cultural resources