

Charge for Committee to Develop Strategic Plans Addressing Quality of Community Town of Norwich

1. Introduction

The Norwich Selectboard is developing a Strategic Plan that addresses how to assure that the Town evolves to fulfilling its potential as a desirable and affordable place for its residents, in a manner consistent with the community's values. In doing so, the Selectboard is seeking to involve interested members of the community.

2. Statement of Purpose

The role of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Selectboard regarding strategic planning options for an integrated system of recreational trails and bike lanes, Connecticut River frontage, open space and the conservation of natural and scenic resources.

3. Public Participation and Involvement

Public participation and involvement in the Committee's work is a high priority and the Committee is invited to support the Selectboard in presenting ideas and receiving feedback through public forums.

4. Membership

The Committee shall consist of Norwich members of the public at large, appointed by the Selectboard, plus a maximum of two members, appointed by the Selectboard, from each of the following:

- Planning Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Recreation Council
- Selectboard (as liaison)

The members should bring to the Committee diverse interests and expertise. The Committee shall choose from its membership a chair and other positions as appropriate. The Committee may establish subcommittees and draw on outside expertise to assist in carrying out its work.

5. Meetings

The Committee's meetings shall be held at a regular time and place when possible. The time and place of each meeting and draft minutes shall be made available and posted in compliance with Vermont's open meetings law with support from the Town Manager's Office. The Committee will disband upon delivery of its final report to the Selectboard.

6. Committee Review and Analysis

The Committee will determine what information needs to be gathered and reviewed in order to prepare a report that supports the Selectboard's Strategic Plan process. The Committee will propose and brief the following to the Selectboard, regarding options for recreational trails and bike lanes, Connecticut River frontage, open space and the conservation of natural and scenic resources, as it develops recommendations:

- What We Have
- What We Want
- SWOT Analysis
- Implementation Plan
- Impact on the Future of Norwich

7. Final Report

The final report from the Committee, including its findings and recommendations, should be presented to the Selectboard on, or before, February 28, 2015.