



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	03/16/2022	Department	City Clerk
Agenda Item	5.h) Consideration to approve the 2022 goals identified in Gardiner City Council Goal Setting Workshop		
Est. Cost			

Background Information	Mayor Hart will review the updated 2022 goals after receiving input from councilors at their last meeting. Please find them attached to this item agenda.
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Requested Action	"I move to adopt the 2022 Council Goal Setting Workshop."
City Manager and/or Finance Review	Acting City Manager approves the above action and thanks Mayor Hart for facilitating the workshop and creating the goals document.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____



Notes from the 2022 City of Gardiner Goal Setting Workshop

February 23, 2022

Meeting Guidelines Notes

Council liked the [2021 Updates to the Meeting Guidelines](#) and made the following comments.

- Have the audience guidelines added to the meeting agendas
- The time limits for the public comment are helpful
- It is OK to change your mind!
- Share these with committees – so all committees follow the same guidelines
- Consider holding a parliamentary rules training for all volunteer boards in the city

2021 Goals Progress Noted by Councilors

- Made good strides despite meeting on zoom
- Convened the Dresden Ave neighborhood
- Put asked money for city buildings assessment (ARPA Funds)
- Invested in the Boys and Girls Club
- Moved ahead with expanding ambulance staffing
- Kept tax increases to a minimum
- Better relationships with the schools
- We were able to convene people through the Downtown Master Plan work and reconvening in Council Chambers for meetings.

2021 Goals Challenges Noted by Councilors

- Hiring challenges – city manager and other staff positions
- Holding the line on tax increases is a challenge – while maintaining the breadth of services
- Population growth is slow, population is aging
- There are some vacant properties in the city that are paying taxes on time.
- Short-term planning focus due to uncertainty of the pandemic

2022 Goals Proposed by Councilors at the Workshop

Top Priorities

- Hiring a City Manager – 6 councilors supported
- Begin assessment of city buildings and develop a plan for upgrades
- maintain services while keeping tax increases to a minimum

Also Important

- Implement the Downtown Master Plan in stages
 - focus on the downtown
 - economic development in downtown
 - parking and accessibility
 - implement plan and include environmental considerations (climate change)
- Complete projects that are underway
 - McKay Park, Palmer Fountain, Dearborn Park and Mechanic Street project, Paving, Sidewalks, Cobbossee Trail
 - support Johnson Hall, Boys and Girls Club, Gardiner Main Street
- Affordable Housing
 - Focus on neighborhoods
 - create places for recreation
 - care for people

Council Participation on Committees (February 23, 2022)

Councilor Berry

- Economic Development
- First Park
- KVCOG

Councilor Brown

- Solid Waste Committee
- KV County Affordable Housing Task Force

Councilor Cusick

- Ambulance Advisory Board
- Sidewalk Committee

Councilor Frey

- Economic Development
- Gardiner Main Street Board – Ex Officio
- Parks and Recreation

Councilor Gilg

- Cobbossee Trail Committee
- Gardiner Board of Trade
- Merrymeeting Trail Committee

Councilor Greenleaf

- Ambulance Advisory Board
- Ordinance Review Committee

Councilor Rines

- Parks and Recreation
- Dog Committee

Mayor Hart

- Ordinance Review Committee
- Age Friendly Committee
- KV County Affordable Housing Task Force
- Gardiner Main Street Board Ex Officio
- Library Board of Trustees Ex Officio
- Ambulance Advisory Board
- New Mills Dam (alternate)
- Sidewalk committee