

Gardiner City Council
Workshop Agenda
Saturday, February 6, 2021, Online

Participation Link

- This meeting will be on Zoom and is open to the public. Join by clicking this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83200535486>
- Council Members will receive a special link emailed directly from Zoom.

Objectives

- Clarify, revise, and affirm our Meeting Guidelines.
- Review progress on previous Goals and establish new Goals for 2021.
- Clarify committee liaisons.
- Become more comfortable working with each other on Zoom and in general.

About the Workshop

As in years past, the workshop will be professionally facilitated by Craig Freshley of Good Group Decisions. After the workshop Craig will prepare a Highlights Report that documents themes and general conclusions. At the start of the workshop Craig will explain the following ground rules:

- All views heard, one at a time
- Listen to understand
- Always seeking agreement
- Assume best intentions
- Show what you think
- No decisions today
- Themes and conclusions now and later

Agenda

- 8:50 Optional: Get Acquainted with Zoom
- Join early and chat with Craig about any questions you might have.
 - He will show some simple tips and tricks.
 - A great opportunity for some quick and useful training.
- 9:00 **Opening**
- Mayor Pat Hart will welcome the Council and offer some opening remarks.
 - Facilitator Craig Freshley will explain the workshop format and some simple ground rules.
 - We will do some quick introductions.

- 9:10 **Review and Clarify Meeting Guidelines**
- As we have been in the habit of doing at every annual workshop, we will review our Meeting Guidelines to make sure everyone understands them and to discuss if they should be revised.
 - This year we will focus on the following questions:
 1. How should the Guidelines be revised in light of COVID?
 2. How can we encourage Committees to adopt similar practices?
- 10:00 **Break**
- 10:05 **2020 Goals Review, Successes, and Challenges**
- We will take a quick look back at goals set by the Council on February 1, 2020 and talk about what worked well and what didn't.
 - In cases where we didn't achieve our intentions we will look at why and we will discuss how to improve chances of success going forward.
- 10:35 **2021 Goals - Ideas**
- What special projects does the Council wish to achieve in 2021? What does the Council want to be known for? What are the most important near-term goals?
 - We will begin by looking at the 2020 Goals to see what might be deleted or refined for 2021. We will also ask for any new ideas from Council members for 2021 goals.
 - With a longish list of potential 2021 goals before us, we will do a do a straw poll exercise to help us pare it down to a shortish list that's prioritized. The ranking will be pretty simple. Craig will explain.
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:20 **2021 Goals – Conclusions**
- During the break Craig will analyze the results of the straw poll and report those results to us.
 - We will discuss and come to a conclusion about goals for 2021.
- 11:40 **Closing Comments**
- This is a chance for each person to make a last comment, perhaps a reflection about the retreat or perhaps a specific hope or concern for the future.
- 11:50 **Adjourn**