

**Proposed Board of Selectmen Statement
on FY2013 Operating Budget Priorities
January 10, 2012**

The primary goal of the Board of Selectmen in consideration of the FY2013 operating budget is the maintenance and optimization of existing Town services given the availability of revenue for appropriation. In addition, the Board's priorities for FY2013 include:

1. Support for items that contribute to the achievement of the Board's goals and objectives for FY2012.
2. Support for initiatives that contribute to the preservation of existing Town assets.
3. Support for initiatives that contribute to sustainability, such as reducing energy use and planning for ongoing, long term balance of foreseeable revenues and financial commitments.
4. Support for initiatives aimed at achieving greater coordination and efficiency among departments and providing adequate resources to address the general administrative needs of the Town.
5. Promote initiatives that contribute to the long-term economic vitality of Needham.
6. Support the stewardship of existing land and resources, including expansion of town-owned open space for both active and conservation uses.
7. Promote initiatives that contribute to the appearance of the Town.