

**Board of Selectmen and Town Manager FY2010 Core Budget
Priorities
Adopted 11.25.08**

1. Support and promote continued investment in the Town's capital assets. This includes the immediate priorities of the Town Hall, Public Services Administration Building, Senior Center, and Newman School, other buildings as appropriate, and athletic and recreation facilities.
2. Ensure continued investment in the Town's infrastructure, with particular emphasis on areas determined to be high priorities based on the National Citizen Survey data (such as fields and trails).
3. Provide resources to improve operating efficiency and effectiveness at the Department of Public Works based on recommendations included in the DPW Operations Study and information determined to be of a high priority in the National Citizen Survey.
4. Support Town Manager initiatives aimed at achieving greater coordination and efficiency between and among departments and provide resources to adequately address the general administration of the Town, particularly in the areas of records management, human resource administration, energy management, and budgetary control.
5. Support the acquisition and maintenance of rolling stock and equipment to maintain efficient operations in the Police, Fire, Public Works and Public Facilities Departments.
6. Support Town Manager initiatives that contribute to sustainability, such as improving energy efficiency and/or source reduction, as well as efforts to ensure financial sustainability.
7. Promote initiatives that contribute to the beautification of the Town, with particular emphasis on areas determined to be high priorities based on the National Citizen Survey data.
8. Support initiatives that improve the economic vitality of the Town's business centers.
9. Maintain an appropriate level of investment in community services (Recreation, Health, Library, Youth, Veterans, Seniors, Disability Committee, Historic Commission, Memorial Park).
10. Support initiatives that directly improve the Town's ability to address and respond to emergency situations and hazards (*maintenance of the current funding level for public safety functions is assumed and is a top priority*).