

Acton Finance Committee

To: FinCom Members

From: David K. Stone

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Re: Finance Committee Goals for FY06

Here is an initial list of goals, intended as a point of departure for our discussion tonight:

1. **Increase Public Participation** – Publish agendas in advance and submit information to the local papers to encourage greater public participation in FinCom deliberations.
2. **Improve Communication With Citizens** – Conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility of enabling open e-mail communication with citizens in a manner consistent with the open meeting law.
3. **Seek Greater Influence on the Budgets** – Consider holding meetings with representatives of major town and school departments to gain a better understanding of their operations. Look for opportunities for re-engineering or investment that can improve cost-effectiveness.
4. **Participate in a Conversation on Commercial Development** – The Board of Selectmen has suggested a new task force to re-examine the Town's strategies and policies regarding commercial development.
5. **Continue the Capital Planning Process** – Maintain support for capital planning as part of the multi-year financial planning effort undertaken via the ALG.