

Revised Goals and Objectives: DRAFT 2E

The following is a working draft of the Revised Goals and Objectives. Revisions are based on Phase I input, October 20, 2011 public workshop, and Acton 2020 Committee input (written and based on discussion at January 13, 2011 Committee meeting).

Please review one final time before we add the strategies back in (strategies will be compiled from public input, Committee, Town Staff and Consultant Team review). This document will then be presented to the Committee for another review (of strategies).

Yellow highlight represents changes in wording and/or organization made as a result of the Jan. 13, 2011 Committee meeting. Significant effort was made by both the Committee and Consultant to preserve the intent, meaning, and spirit of all input received.

Green highlight represents my call to you for specific attention (and the need for input).

Blue text indicates Committee member comment to Draft 2D

Red text tracks changes suggested to by Committee member to Draft 2D (since last meeting)

GOAL 1.0: Preserve Town Character

The .0 stuff is unnecessarily geeky (so just have Goal 1, Goal 2, etc.)

We feel strongly about preserving and enhancing what makes Acton special and unique, including its rural characteristics, historic buildings and landscapes, and its village centers.

Objective 1.1: Preserve Rural Characteristics and Open Space

Objective 1.2: Preserve Historic Buildings and Landscapes

Objective 1.3: Foster an Understanding and Appreciation of what makes Acton unique, including its history

Objective 1.4: Preserve and Enhance Village Centers

GOAL 2.0: Ensure Environmental Sustainability

As Acton residents, we recognize that our health and well-being depend on protecting the web of life of which we are a part. Therefore, it is vital that we live and work here in a manner that supports that web and the well-being of people everywhere, including future Acton citizens Actonians.

Actonians sounds too folksy for this document

Objective 2.1: To protect the quality and quantity of the water in our local water cycles, and to ensure that future development fits within the constraints of our local water systems.

Objective 2.2: To move toward a material economy in which every manufactured object becomes, at the end of its useful life, part of another sustainable product or process, without accumulating toxins in the environment.

Objective 2.3: To reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal uses.

Objective 2.4: To move toward patterns of land use and land protection that support broad biodiversity, soil preservation, and healthy local agriculture.

GOAL 3.0: Improve Connections

We recognize that a community that is connected is safer, stronger, and provides more opportunities for meaningful interaction. We envision supporting these connections through physical means including sidewalks, bike paths, trails and public transportation to connect people and places, and to support independent and safe travel for all. We also envision open communication as a means to further connect residents (e.g. through the web, cable TV, community bulletin boards, etc.).

Objective 3.1: Improve Walking and Biking Experience

Objective 3.2: ~~Explore Ways to~~ Improve Circulation In and Around Town

Objective 3.3: Improve Communication Aamongst Ttown Government, Citizens, Schools, and the Business Community.

Objective 3.4: Support and Strengthen Neighborhoods

GOAL 4.0: Provide More Opportunities for Community Gathering and Recreation

We value the small town feeling and appreciate the sense of community that results from frequent opportunities for interaction. We support providing places for casual social interaction and organized events that bring members of the community together. We believe in offering opportunities for intergenerational experiences, and for sharing of inter-cultural celebration, for example community/senior center, park, farmer's market, cultural venues, community gardens. and we aim to provide ; ~~and~~-recreational opportunities for all ages.

~~Objective 4.1: Provide a Community Facility Large Enough to a Range of Indoor/outdoor Gathering Spaces including a Large Community Facility that Accommodates a Variety of Uses and a Wide Range of Programming~~

~~Objective 4.2: Maintain and Improve Existing Gathering Spaces and Look for Opportunities to Create New Small Gathering Spaces.~~

~~(this is intended to include strategies such as expand senior center, create community center, maintain and improve Memorial Library, create small pedestrian plazas in retail areas, etc. — any ideas regarding improved wording??)~~

Objective 4.2: Support Additional Cultural Activities

Objective 4.3: Maintain and Increase Recreational Opportunities

GOAL 5.0: Support Inclusion and Diversity

We value a our diversity in all its forms, reflecting a range of ages and socio-economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. We ~~population and~~ wish to foster respect, promote interaction and actively support encourage a wide variety of individuals to live, work, and play in our community. This includes a range of ages and socio-economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Objective 5.1: Support All Ages

~~Objective 5.2: Support Socio-economic Diversity~~

~~(does this overlap too much with Objective 6.4: Support the ability of low income residents to stay in Acton for a lifetime??)~~

Objective 5.3: Embrace Cultural Diversity

Objective 5.4: Support Citizens with Disabilities in Participating Fully in the Life of the Disabled Community

GOAL 6.0: Preserve and Enhance Town-owned Assets

We value our Town assets and wish to preserve and enhance them. These include our open spaces, schools, municipal properties and facilities.

Objective 6.1: Protect Existing and Town-owned Open Space

Objective 6.2: Support Excellence in Schools

Objective 6.3: Maintain Municipal Properties and Facilities

GOAL 7.0: Maintain and Improve Financial Well-being of the Town and its Residents

Objective 7.1: Improve Existing Commercial Areas

Objective 7.2: Promote ~~Appropriate~~ Economic Development that support our other goals

Objective 7.3: Achieve a Balance of Services and Taxes

Objective 7.4: Support the Ability of ~~Low Income~~All Residents to Stay in Acton for a Lifetime