

2023 Brighton Annual Plan



Dear Brighton Residents,

We are thrilled to announce that we have developed an annual plan for our community that outlines our goals for the upcoming year. An annual plan is a critical tool for any community because it provides us with a clear roadmap of what we want to accomplish over the course of the next year. By setting specific goals, we can measure our progress, stay focused, and ensure that we are moving forward as a community.

One of the most significant benefits of having an annual plan is that it provides us with a long-term perspective. While we are focused on achieving our goals for the year, we are also thinking about how these goals tie into our border town plan. This helps us to prioritize our efforts, identify areas of overlap, and ensure that our short-term objectives align with our long-term vision for our community.

In terms of implementation, we have already begun working on our annual goals, and we will continue to do so throughout the year. We will be working closely with our community partners, such as local businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies, to ensure that we are all aligned in our efforts to achieve our shared objectives.

As we work to implement our annual plan, we will also be looking for ways to measure our progress and report back to the community. We want to be transparent about our goals and our progress, and we believe that regular updates and communications will help to build trust and support for our efforts.

In conclusion, an annual plan is a crucial tool for any community, and we are excited to be putting ours into action. By setting clear goals, thinking about the long-term, and working collaboratively we can achieve great things for our community in the year ahead. We look forward to keeping you updated on our progress and working together to make our community an even better place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Noah Bond

Town Manager

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General Administration Goals:

1. To establish a coordinated and comprehensive planning process that will guide Brighton's future decisions.
2. To encourage citizen participation in the planning process to ensure that decisions are made at the most local level possible by those affected.
3. To encourage Brighton residents to consider the use of resources and the consequences of growth and development in the community and the region.
4. To develop and implement the plan's goals through a creative and cooperative process.

Recreation Goals:

1. Create a book that outlines the timeline of events and contacts for each event.
2. Create a maintenance schedule for the outdoor basketball court, indoor court, and baseball field.
3. Create a survey that would help determine needs
4. Possible water sports opportunity for the town

Library Goals and Objectives:

1. Expand programs and activities to reach out to K -5th grade readers.
2. Expand technological services for older children and young adults.
3. Provide the best in popular fiction and up-to-date non-fiction for older readers.
4. Keep pace with the technological advances that are almost always one-step ahead of us.

Educational Goals and Objectives:

1. To create a school climate that embraces positive communication, respect, and discipline
2. Continue to support NEKLS and Department of Labor services in town by providing the space for such programs.
3. Continue to support the Island Pond Public Library, its staff and facility.

Sewer Goals and Objectives:

1. Upgrade the Meadow Street Pump Station Electric Panel at Clarke Street.
2. Develop and adopt a capital program to address wastewater system needs.
3. Review local wastewater system operation procedures and contracting policies to maintain affordability for wastewater users.
4. Update the town's wastewater ordinance.

Water Goals and Objectives:

1. Update Brighton's municipal water ordinance.
2. Develop and adopt a capital program to address municipal water supply and system needs.
3. Monitor, maintain, and upgrade when necessary the town's existing community water supply system infrastructure.

Recycling and Solid Waste:

1. Continue membership in the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.
2. Provide residents with the necessary and proper means for disposal of solid waste.
3. Consider the future of the Brush Dump as a solid waste facility.
4. Consider adopting a municipal “fast trash” system.

Electrical Energy Goals:

1. Facilitate educational events for town residents regarding residential scale energy generation technologies, including ground and roof-mounted solar, for both grid-connected and off-the-grid applications.

Telecommunication Goals:

1. Amend zoning bylaws to better address telecommunication facilities (if an ordinance is not acceptable).

Fire and Rescue Goals:

1. Continue to provide for the operation and maintenance of a fire department in the town
2. Promote local participation in LEPC 10 initiatives.

Medical Facility Goals:

1. Ensure that medical and dental services are available for community residents.

Economic Goals:

1. Help existing businesses to grow or become more efficient. The town can apply for technical assistance funds, workforce development funds, or conduct commercial energy audits.
2. Take advantage of aids and programs from regional, state, and federal governments such as tax-increment financing, tax credit programs, revolving loans, etc.

3. Make officials and the community aware of new economic opportunities that have the potential to aid the local economy (i.e. the National Geographic Geo-tourism Destination, of which Brighton is a part).

Housing Goals:

1. Support state and local efforts to improve and/or provide safe and affordable housing for Brighton residents.
2. Encourage and support energy efficiency programs.

Land Use Goals:

1. Promote and utilize existing public lands and facilities in a manner that benefits the community, and without jeopardizing the rural , unspoiled character and traditional historic viewshed.
2. Identify, protect and preserve important natural and historic features in Brighton's landscape including significant natural areas, fragile areas, water resources, scenic roads and views, and important historic structures or sites.

Transportation Goals:

1. Provide Local Roads Training for town road employees.
2. Send a Brighton representative to actively participate in the regional Transportation Advisory Committee meetings, a group which prioritizes local transportation projects for the region which are then forwarded to VTrans for state prioritization and approval.
3. The Town will publicize the location of parking areas in Town to encourage carpooling, and thus promote transportation energy conservation.

Cemetery Goal:

1. Make it possible for people to come to the town offices and find out how to locate their loved-ones or ancestors in the cemetery.

Natural & Scenic Area Goal:

1. The planning commission should maintain a natural and scenic resource survey to identify specific areas in which development should be limited or prohibited.

Historical Resource Goals:

1. Explore the development of a historic preservation "mini-plan" to identify, protect, and better capitalize on Brighton's historic resources.

2. Invite Vermont Historic Preservation staff to educate residents and businesses on how to capitalize on the town's official historic district designation (i.e. through tax credits or otherwise).

Overall Timeline: This will be a calendar timeline reflective of the remaining months left up until the New Year.

GA = General Administration

GA 1: 06/01/23 – 07/31/2023

GA 2: 06/01/23 – 09/30/2023

GA 3: 06/01/2023 – 09/30/2023

GA 4: 06/01/2023 – 09/30/2023

RG = Recreation Goals

RG 1: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

RG 2: 08/01/2023 – 10/31/2023

RG 3: 08/01/2023 – 09/30/2023

RG 4: 06/01/2023 – 08/31/2023

LG = Library Goals

LG 1: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

LG 2: 09/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

LG 3: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

LG 4: 06/01/2023 -12/31/2023

EG = Educational Goals

EG 1: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

EG 2: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

EG 3: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

SG = Sewer Goals

SG 1: 09/01/2023 – 09/30/2023

SG 2: 09/30/2023 – 11/30/2023

SG 3: 11/01/2023 – 11/30/2023

SG 4: 10/01/2023 – 10/31/2023

WG = Water Goals

WG 1: 08/01/2023 – 08/31/2023

WG 2: 09/01/2023 – 09/30/2023

WG 3: 09/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

RW = Recycling and Solid Waste

RW 1: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

RW 2: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

RW 3: 06/01/2023 – 10/31/2023

RW 4: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

EEG: Electrical Energy Goal

EEG 1: 11/01/2023 – 11/30/2023

TG = Telecommunication Goal

TG 1: 10/01/2023 – 10/31/2023

FRG = Fire and Rescue Goals

FRG 1: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

FRG 2: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

MFG = Medical Facility Goals

MFG 1: 07/01/2023 -07/31/2023

EG = Economic Goals:

EG 1: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

EG 2: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

EG 3: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

HG = Housing Goals

HG 1: 11/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

HG 2: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

LUG = Land Use Goals

LUG 1: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

LUG 2: 10/01/2023 – 10/31/2023

TGG = Transportation Goals

TGG 1: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

TGG 2: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

TGG 3: 06/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

CG = Cemetery Goal

CG 09/01/2023 – 09/30/2023

NSG = Natural and Scenic Goal

NSG 1: 07/01/2023 – 07/31/2023

HRG = Historical Resource Goals

HRG 1: 11/01/2023 – 12/31/2023

HRG 2: 10/01/2023 – 12/31/2023