

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2005**

Chairperson Peter Gardow called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM at the Silas Deane Middle School. In attendance were, Linda Avery, Bill Donohue, Leigh Standish and Rae Ann Palmer, Assistant to the Town Manager.

Chairperson Gardow deferred approval of minutes to the next meeting due to the lack of quorum for the meeting minutes pending.

The MDC Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 was the reason the Strategic Plan Committee meeting was deferred to Thursday. Leigh Standish gave an overview of the meeting regarding the long term plan for stopping sewage overflow into Wethersfield Cove.

Chairman Gardow acknowledged that there has been minimal progress over the last five weeks.

Chairman Gardow will update the plan for infrastructure maintenance.

The committee reviewed the Social Concerns component of the 1995 Strategic Plan. Most items were eliminated as no longer relevant and the remaining items were moved to other sections as appropriate.

The topic of volunteerism was discussed at length. All present felt that the long history of active community members should be maintained and encouraged. It was decided that it was very important to include this philosophy in the new strategic plan. The following language was agreed upon: "Continue an elected, autonomous local form of Town government" for inclusion in the plan.

A Public Safety section was added. The development of goals and objectives for this section was deferred until the next meeting on March 1, 2005.

All additions and deletions to the 1995 plan were completed in the computer file as the committee worked.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.