

A photograph of a two-story, light-colored building with a gabled roof and two large chimneys. The building has a central entrance with a small portico. In the foreground, there is a sign that reads "GEORGETOWN TOWN OFFICES" and a list of names and titles. To the right, there is a parking lot with several cars and a flagpole with an American flag. The background is filled with green trees.

Georgetown

State of the Town Committee Proposal

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Goals & Objectives

1. Strengthen community awareness of leading challenges and concerns we face
2. Increase meaningful citizen involvement in strategic planning and policy formulation
3. Develop coordinated strategic planning and thinking among town boards and officials.

Strengthen Awareness

- By providing more convenient ways for citizens to become informed and
- By having key boards/committees present succinct summaries of issues/concerns at one meeting

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Increase Citizen Involvement

- By providing a forum for townspeople and officials to share thoughts about issues and priorities early in Town's planning and decision making process
- By providing written summaries of issues and concerns in advance of the meeting to enable participants to come informed: and
- By structuring the meeting as a more informal brainstorming session than a traditional business meeting

Develop Coordinated Strategic Planning

- by requiring all key boards to report on leading concerns, common issues and opportunities for collaboration



Sample Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction (Selectmen)
 - Progress Report: How Are We Doing As A Town
- Financial Overview (Financial Advisory Board)
- Updated Educational Priorities (School Committee)
- Updated Land Use Priorities (Planning, Recreation, Conservation Committees)
- Updated Infrastructure Priorities (Highway, Water, Electric Boards)
- Questions & Comment

Next Steps

- Formal Creation of Committee
- Executive Sponsorship - BoS
- Budget
- Timeframe

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