

2018 Freeport Town Council Guidelines

The Freeport Town Council is committed to engaging our residents, and one another, in respectful, constructive dialogue about issues facing our community. Freeport is a wonderful place to live, work and visit, and has a reputation for inclusiveness and kindness. It is within this organizing principle that we adopt these guidelines:

1. The Council will prioritize, evaluate and control expenditures in operating and capital budgets to mitigate the impact on the tax payers and maintain a stable tax rate, while providing the highest quality services possible within the resources available.
2. The Council will promote transparent intercommunication, information exchange and collaboration on direction and process between Councilors, while conducting town business in a fair and efficient manner. The Council will prioritize: (a) transparency of decision-making and of Town government operations; and (b) attendance at Town Council and assigned Committee meetings.
3. The Council will promote efforts to engage Freeport residents and businesses in the governance, operation and activities of the Town of Freeport.
 - a. In 2018, the Council will conduct a review of the Town's boards and committees to assess their effectiveness, their tasks, their criteria for membership and the board and committee oversight role of the Council in an effort to streamline the Town's review processes for its residents and businesses.
4. The Council will be active in maintaining a strong relationship with the RSU5 Board and neighboring municipalities.
5. The Council will explore solutions related to renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce the energy costs of the Town of Freeport.
6. The Council will explore infrastructure opportunities that will promote active lifestyles for Freeport's residents and visitors.