

# GOVERNANCE

*(Not in order of priority)*

*When the Pilgrims (and so-called "strangers" traveling with them) agreed to what we now call the Mayflower Compact in Provincetown Harbor in 1620, they essentially agreed to a plan to organize their government. While much has changed since that seminal document was agreed to, some basic elements continue to guide our community. We commit ourselves to regularly reviewing and updating our key rules and regulations and coordinating across boards and functions to ensure broad buy-in and transparent decision-making.*

*Specifically, this plan calls for regular reviews and revisions of town-wide bylaws, regulations, policies, and guidelines to simplify the permitting process, provide adequate resources to town boards and departments, improve the organizational structure and maximize effectiveness of town activities, and to ensure all that we do supports diversity and inclusion. The plan calls for coordination among boards and staff to assist in efficiently carrying out this plan and all of the activities where multiple boards overlap in experience, mission, or activities.*

## OBJECTIVE 1. Regulatory clarity

Ensure that development regulations promote the values articulated in the Vision. Regulations shall be written clearly, consistently, and avoid redundancy, ambiguity, and unintended outcomes.

- STRATEGY A. Review and revise town-wide bylaws, regulations, policies, and guidelines in order to simplify the permitting and review of proposed projects where practicable.
- STRATEGY B. Review and consider organization-wide structural changes in order to streamline citizen services, improve efficiency, and enhance service quality.

## OBJECTIVE 2. Public process

Promote cooperation and collaboration among the Town's regulatory boards, appointed, and elected in order to achieve development most consistent with the desires of the Town and community values, to provide transparency and participation within the public process.

- STRATEGY A. Provide comprehensive resources and staff support to members of Town boards to ensure they have been given the tools to effectively fulfill their mission.

- STRATEGY B. Review Charter and Bylaws to remove redundant/conflicting jurisdictions among boards and inconsistent regulations.
- STRATEGY C. Encourage regulatory boards to meet together regularly.
- STRATEGY D. Undertake comprehensive review of the functions of town departments, boards and committees to better understand organizational structure and maximize effectiveness.
- STRATEGY E. Undertake comprehensive review of all town regulations to ensure they are supportive of the LCP, not in conflict with each other, and easy for both boards and applicants to understand.
- STRATEGY F. Undertake comprehensive review of town regulations, including zoning and land use, to ensure they support diversity and inclusion.
- STRATEGY G. Review and, as appropriate, adopt model by-laws and other regulations developed by the Cape Cod Commission, other agencies and other communities with similar characteristics (both mountain and shore) to improve and streamline the Town's regulations and to develop creative solutions to problems such as sea-level rise, coastal resiliency, growth management, housing and land use.