Town of Saratoga 2010 Goals Report

1. Keep Town taxes as low as possible, closely monitor all town expenditures, and strive to have no additional tax increases in the upcoming years.

    Accomplished reduced town tax rate by .015 in 2011

2. Obtain grant assistance from multiple sources to fund town projects

    Accomplished
    Used Canal Corp grant to finish Wilbur Road Towpath project. Extended grant for one additional to work on Coveville portion of towpath.

    Received extension on $60,000. EPF grant for towpath work from old town hall north to lock 5

    Completed Home Grant and received new CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant for $400,000.

3. To complete sale of old town hall and generate the greatest revenue possible for the town while maintaining the best public interest use of the property and maintaining the historical integrity of the land

    Made progress but not completed. Friends of the Saratoga identified as 501C3 organization to receive title to property. Worked with Saratoga – Washington on the Hudson Partnership to establish funding process. New appraisal on property in progress.

4. To keep all excess town property rented and generate the maximum revenue for the town

    Accomplished. Burlington Labs moved in. Taber Architecture Studio partially moved out of town space. Marvin and Company moved in. Conversations with Burlington Lab currently taking place.

5. Finish Wilbur Road Portion of Old Champlain Canal Towpath Trail

    Accomplished Trail dedicated July 22, 2010

6. Protect more farmland and open space through purchase of development rights and open space grants
    Accomplished
    VanArnum Farm awarded $244,000 PDR grant from Saratoga County. Closing to take place in approximately one month

    Work taking place on Hoogeveen Farm state PDR grant. Has been held up but partial payment activities starting to take place.

7. Complete the NIMS Emergency Plan

    Partially accomplished.
    As a result of monthly meetings specific plans were prepared and persons identified for roles in the event of an emergency.