**HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGIAL RESOURCES**

The town has a long history being incorporated in 1795. The area was originally known as Bakerstown but the town's current name is believed to have come from the old hymn tune "Poland”. There is still evidence of Poland's long history including the original four settlement areas and a number of historic locations and structures. There are four locations on the national register of Historic Places and the many shorelands and areas adjacent to early roads may hold prehistoric and historic archaeological sites.

***GOAL: Preserve the Town’s archaeological and historic resources.***

| POLICIES | STRATEGIES | RESPONSIBILITY | TIME FRAME |
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| 1. Preserve archaeological and historical resources.  **Not done. Do we think this will ever happen? Delete? Change responsibility?** | Assess current historic district locations, their performance standards and recommend amendments to the CLUC as needed.  Encourage private groups and organizations to identify and archaeological sites in Town, especially on the shores of Thompson Lake and Tripp Pond.  Undertake a comprehensive inventory to identify properties which may be of historical value and/or eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.  Develop and deliver an educational program for owners of historically significant properties in techniques to maintain their historic value.  Seek grants to help pay for purchase and restoration historic sites. | Historic Society/ Planning Board  **Historic/Society/**  **Preservation Society**  Historic Society  Historic Society  Historic Society | **Ongoing**  Ongoing  **Ongoing**  Mid  Ongoing |
| 2. Provide for the protection of officially recognized archaeological and historic sites. | Research and recommend to the Planning Board ordinance provisions aimed at protecting historic and archaeological resources, and where appropriate, participate in grant programs to help pay for purchase and restoration.  Strictly administer and enforce provisions in the CLUC that protect archaeological and historic resources. | Planning Board/CEO  **Planning Board/CEO** | Ongoing  **Ongoing** |