**4. Public Facilities**

Poland provides a wide range of public facilities and services to the Town’s residents which range from the maintenance and improvement of local roads, to the provision of outdoor recreation facilities.

The goals, policies and strategies set forth below address state mandates, unmet needs, and the steps the Town will have to take to continue to serve residents of Poland. The greatest challenges to the Town include delivering existing necessary municipal services and expanding services as the result of new growth without over burdening our tax payers.

**Goal: *Plan for, finance and develop an efficient system of public facilities and services to accommodate growth and development.***

| POLICIES | ACTION STRATEGIES | RESPONSIBILITY | STATUS |
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| **General**  1. Plan for financing the replacement and expansion of public facilities and services required to meet the demands of future growth and development.  2. That new development does not over-tax community services and facilities, and that it pays its share of the cost of capital improvements needed to serve that development.  **Water Supply**  1.**That the provision of clean drinking water to all homes, businesses and developments from private wells is protected from contamination.**  2. **Expand public water systems where appropriate.**  **Sewage Disposal**  1**. Ensure private subsurface waste water systems meet State and local requirements.**  2. **Expand public sewage disposal where appropriate**  **Solid Waste**  1. **Provide a public facility for residents to dispose of household trash and waste, pressure treated and regular wood waste, construction debris, and brush.**  2. **Maintain a recycling program that includes waste oil, electronic waste, household recycling, and metal.**  **Emergency Services**  1. That police, fire, and rescue services **and facilities** keep pace with Poland’s growing population.  2. That adequate supplies of water are available for fire fighting purposes.  **Municipal Buildings**  Continue the multi-year program for the care and maintenance of Town buildings  **Schools**  **Coordinate planning efforts with school officials to ensure that the school system has adequate capacity to accommodate Poland’s growing population.**  **Recreation**  Maintain and, where necessary, improve existing recreation facilities. | Develop and annually update a 5-year capital improvements program for financing the replacement and expansion of public facilities and services.  Strictly enforce the provisions in the CLUC that requires an impact statement analyzing the impact of the proposed development of public facilities including roads, schools, police, fire protection, outdoor recreation facilities.  **On a biennial basis review the extent of Town development, its impact on Town services and facilities, and where appropriate or needed, make recommendations to the Town for enacting impact fees, or similar growth management strategies.**  Maintain a minimum lot size requirement of sufficient size so as to minimize the contamination of wells by subsurface sewage disposal systems.  Assess the feasibility, costs and institutional arrangements with further connections to the Mechanic Falls and/or Auburns public water systems or private systems.  Continue vigorous administration and enforcement of the State’s Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Rules; continue to require that a plumbing permit be obtained prior to a permit for a structure involving subsurface sewage disposal.  Strictly administer and enforce provisions in the CLUC relating to soil suitability.  Assess the feasibility, costs and institutional arrangements with further connections/extensions to Auburn **and Mechanic Falls** public sewer system.  Continue to work with the **Maine Waste To Energy Corporation (MWTE).**  **Continue recycling efforts.**  Annually review Poland’s fire, police and rescue capabilities in light of the Town’s increasing population, and recommend changes when warranted by the Town’s additional growth.  Amend the CLUC to require that developers of non residential uses demonstrate the availability of adequate water supplies for fire fighting purposes.  Continue development of water sources such as hydrants for fire fighting purposes; work towards improving the fire insurance rating for the Town.  Include appropriations, as needed, in the 5-year capital improvement program.  **On as needed basis, meet with school officials to consider school facility needs, including building and recreation needs, to review plans for additional growth and development, to consider population data and projections, and to review plans for increasing school capacity.**  Include funds in the capital improvement plan for the maintenance and improvement of indoor and outdoor recreational facilities.  Review, on a biennial basis, the need for providing any additional outdoor recreation facilities.  Establish a public access point of Thompson Lake.  Provide a better public access point on Tripp Lake  **Resolve Worthley Pond access issues**  Continue to maintain and improve the system of snowmobile trails throughout Town.  Create/expand non motorized trail system  Establish an ATV club | Selectpersons  Town Manager  Budget Committee    Planning Board  **Comprehensive Plan**  **Committee**  Planning Board  **Select Board** and Economic Development Committee  Local Plumbing Inspector  Planning Board & CEO  **Select Board** and Economic Development Committee  Selectpersons  Selectpersons/  Town Manager  **Town Manager, Fire Rescue Chief, Sherriff**  Planning Board  Town Meeting  **Fire Rescue Department**  Town Manager  Town Meeting  **Comprehensive Plan Committee & School Board**  Recreation Department  Town Meeting  Recreation Department  Comprehensive Plan  Committee  **Select Board**  Conservation Commission  Town Meeting  **Conservation Commission**  Snowmobile Club  Recreation Department  Interested Parties | Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  **Not done, delete**  Complete  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Complete  Ongoing  Ongoing  **OBE**  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  Ongoing  **Complete**  Ongoing  Ongoing  Complete |
|  | COMPLETED PRIOR PLAN STRATEGIES |  |  |
| **Water Supply**  1.**That the provision of clean drinking water to all homes, businesses and developments from private wells is protected from contamination.** | Maintain a minimum lot size requirement of sufficient size so as to minimize the contamination of wells by subsurface sewage disposal systems. | Planning Board | Complete |
| **Emergency Services**  2. That adequate supplies of water are available for fire fighting purposes. | Amend the CLUC to require that developers of non residential uses demonstrate the availability of adequate water supplies for fire fighting purposes. | Planning Board  Town Meeting | Complete |
| **Schools**  **Coordinate planning efforts with school officials to ensure that the school system has adequate capacity to accommodate Poland’s growing population.** | **On as needed basis, meet with school officials to consider school facility needs, including building and recreation needs, to review plans for additional growth and development, to consider population data and projections, and to review plans for increasing school capacity.** | **Comprehensive Plan Committee & School Board** | **OBE** |