

## **MISSION**

The Easton Democratic Town Committee proudly commits to

- Defend and enhance community services and public education;
- Ensure thoughtful use of local resources consistent with Easton's character and history;
- Anticipate and respond to community needs and opportunities in a fair, tolerant, and inclusive manner;
- Build new resources to improve and promote our town;
- Work collaboratively with national, state, and local partners to promote democratic values and create effective policies at all levels of government.

## **CORE VALUES**

We encourage active participation by all community members in town decisions. By respectfully and consistently working together, we will achieve a bright future for Easton. This is the spirit of democracy.

We recognize that the role of government is limited; we nevertheless regard democratic government as a force for good, a source of hope, and as a means to achieve a fair and prosperous society.

We respect the democratic process, with healthy debate and differences of opinion, and the ultimate outcomes of that process.

We support public officials of high ethics, character, and competence, and promote civility in all aspects of public life.

We believe that there is objective truth, that it is essential to proper functioning of a democratic society and that those who don't speak the truth should be accountable. We will never be indifferent to the truth.

We defend high-quality public education for all students; an educated citizenship will contribute positively to its community.

We believe that all people deserve justice and compassion.

We support policies and decisions that protect our agricultural heritage, Easton's unique environmental assets, and strategic improvements that enhance Easton's attractiveness.

We believe in a Constitution that supports and guarantees equal rights for all, regardless of race, religion, gender, nation of birth, or orientation; that protects a free and independent press and judiciary; and promotes the rule of law.