

## TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 8, 2014 – Minutes

Meeting called to order by the Chairperson at 6:00 p.m. and the Chairperson read the recording disclaimer.

**Present:** Chairperson: Phil Washko, Vice Chair: Bernie Roderick, Mark Badwey, Dick Douglass, Rich Griffiths, Siobhan Henebury, Pattie Pacella.

**Absent:** Linda Meredith & G. Steve Riley

### AGENDA:

**Review/approve minutes:** May 1, 2014

Bernie Roderick made a motion to approve the May 1, 2014 minutes as presented and was seconded by Pattie Pacella. The motion passed unanimously.

### Opening Public Comment:

None.

### Discuss Town Meeting:

Bernie Roderick said he was pleased with the outcome and success results of the concept and understanding, he believes people were appreciative of the work that went into what we did. Mr. Roderick didn't think the opposition was even really intense about being the opposition.

Phil Washko agreed and thinks sending out the information was very positive and people appreciated that.

Siobhan Henebury said it was an eye opener for her first Town Meeting.

Rich Griffiths said that people appreciated that there was a lot of work that went into the study and the depth of the study was good.

Pattie Pacella agreed and said she was happy that people realize we need to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Ms. Pacella said she would hope that in the future, people who are oppose would at least come in to prior meetings.

Discussion ensued why the Committee felt that the IT Article failed.

Dick Douglass asked how the expenditures of the \$5,000 was spent.

Phil Washko said it was intended for mostly legal matters and mailings and that's what it was used for.

Bernie Roderick said \$600 to Monaghan Printing and then the legal stuff with Attorney Tom Crotty.

People wondered whether we should meet with the Selectman to go over what our next tasks are.

**ACTION ITEM #1:** Phil Washko said he would reach out to the Selectman to see if we should meet with them.

### RADAR LIST:

Discussion on what's on our radar list, Mr. Washko will email everyone a copy and it'll be on the website. Everyone agreed that the Town Charter should be high on the priority list.

Dick Douglass made some suggestions regarding regionalization, economic development, advising us to wrap up the Citizens Survey, and perhaps outsourcing benefits.

Rich Griffiths suggested doing an 'organizational chart.'

**Discuss priorities for upcoming committee work:**

Phil Washko suggested inviting Joe Makarian back to discuss the Charter.

**ACTION ITEM #2:** Dick Douglass to contact the Colin Center to see if they could help with a Town Charter.

Bernie Roderick passed out information on Wrentham Charter information.

Phil Washko thinks first we need to find out whether it would be our Committee who would be able to carry on something as in a Charter.

**ACTION ITEM #3:** Everyone to review the DOR Report.

Dick Douglass questioned whether we should be looking into the number of Committees.

Phil Washko asked everyone to think about if this is our last year, what do we want to accomplish. He said that we must assume that the next Town Meeting date is our last and what do we want to do by then.

Discussion ensued.

**ACTION ITEM #4:** Phil Washko to reach out to Joe M. and email everyone examples of Charters from different Towns.

Discussion on interviewing previous Select board members and other people who didn't get interviewed during the first round; including: Harbormaster, Shellfish Warden, Brian Wood, Brian Bowcock, Mike Sylvia, etc.

**ACTION ITEM #5:** Pattie Pacella will email everyone a copy of previous interview questions for review. All to review and bring back further questions.

Bernie Roderick asked if we were going to move on the IT stuff again and Mr. Washko told him he had heard that some of the staff were going to move on it themselves.

Pattie Pacella asked about completion of the survey data.

**SET FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Meetings will be as follows: (every 2 weeks):

May 29<sup>th</sup>  
June 12<sup>th</sup>  
June 26<sup>th</sup>  
July 10<sup>th</sup>  
July 24<sup>th</sup>  
Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>

Phil Washko announced that G. Steve Riley has handed in his resignation and he wanted to thank him for serving. Mr. Washko announced that the Committee would be looking for an alternate.

Bernie Roderick made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Pattie Pacella. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia A Pacella