

TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 3, 2014 – with Board of Selectman

Meeting called to order by the Chairperson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Siobhan Henebury

Meeting was held with the Board of Selectman at 7:15pm.

Phil Washko thanked the BOS for meeting with us and advised we were there to discuss the impending Town Administrator act.

Phil Washko reviewed the process through a recruiter/head hunter (Colin Center) as told to us by the Colin Ctr representative. Phil Washko recommended a sub-committee of a selection committee as well.

Bob Espindola thought it was a good idea perhaps that the TGSC Committee be part of the sub-committee; Phil Washko stated that we hadn't even discussed.

What is the BOS intention with the Town Administrator?

Bob Espindola explained there was a place holder on the Special Town Meeting for the Town Administrator article.

Dick Douglass gave a quick overview of the Colin Center information as well, saying that it would be approximately \$15,000 to use them.

Geoff Haworth thought that \$15,000 was a lot and asked to hear more. Phil Washko explained the Colin Center role in placing a TA. They know of the TA's available in the region and those that might be looking for a new position. Dick Douglass also did an overview of the marketing they would have available to the BOS.

Mark Badwey shared his opinion on why going through a professional service to get the best candidate in the best pool of applicants.

Charlie Murphy said that he believed a recruitment place is the best way to go to get the 'best' available.

Geoff Haworth asked if the BPW fails by Town vote, what is the process then? Would we have to rewrite the TA. He believes the BOS should have a "plan B" for May Town Meeting in case the BPW fails.

Phil Washko gave a quick synopsis of what our committee was reviewing for the May Town Meeting.

** Fin Com Size (potential recommendation of "9" & appointed)

** Civil Service

** Strong Chiefs – Review

** Board of Health

** Elected/Appointed

** Green Community – Mr. Roth (who was also at this meeting) advised he would be available to speak more if called upon.

** Term Limits

** Town Meeting – quorum/attendance; night meetings?

Geoff Haworth felt that we had a lot of things on our plate to address & he thought that Town Meeting was an important factor.

Charlie Murphy & Bob Espindola both thanked committee and thanked us for the research.

The meeting with BOS ended approximately 7:40 pm.

The meeting continued out in hallway, and Rich Griffiths passed out criteria for elected vs. appointed. A brief discussion was had on Town Clerk, and all agreed to review at the next meeting.

Bernie Roderick made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Pattie Pacella. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia A. Pacella
Recording Secretary