



Government Study Committee Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2015 6:30PM, Meeting Room 1
Town Offices, 25 Bryants Lane
Tyngsborough, Massachusetts

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Members Present: Karyn Puleo, Jacqueline Schnackertz, Donald Lampron, Paula Derby, Robert Mercier, Linda Bown, Robert Jackson, Burt Buchman.

Absent: and Diane Keohane

Staff Present: Curt Balavance, Town Administrator.

6:35 PM = The meeting was called to order and the agenda read by Member Karyn Puleo.

1. The Minutes of April 9, 2015
Were deferred to the next meeting.

2. Review 2015 Town Meeting warrant articles/actions

The Commissioners reviewed the Town Meeting actions on the article that will change the Town Collector's position from elected to an appointed position. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-1 to place the article on the ATM warrant. The article passed at town meeting, the second part is to a question on the ballot at town elections. The commission continued dialogue on the next steps in the process. The Commission would like to see a special town meeting in order to place the ballot question so that it would be known of the passage before the annual town election, whereas the Town Collector announced that he would not be seeking another term as collector. This would give the Board of Selectman time to advertise, interview and place a person in that position.

3. Review of possible actions
 - a. Charter Committee (timeline)
 - b. Special Act

The Commissioners continued discussions on creating a Charter Commission, the Government Study Commissioners will work with the newly formed Charter Commissioners. The GSC will ask Town counsel to their next meeting to advise and plan a time line for the May Town Meeting. The GSC will need to will work on educating the residents on the need and how a Charter Commission will work.

4. Schedule Next Meeting

The GSC set the next scheduled meeting for Wednesday August 19 or Wednesday September 2 depending on the availability of Town Counsel.

5. Adjourn

The Committee voted 8-1 on a motion by Member Derby, second by Member Mercier, to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Curt Bellavance, Town Administrator

Approved on