



Government Study Committee Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2015 7:00PM
Tyngsborough Town Offices, Meeting Room
25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough, Massachusetts

APPROVED

Members Present: Burt Buchman, Donald Lampron, Robert Mercier, Jacqueline Schnackertz, Paula Derby, Diana Keohane, Karyn Puleo.

Members Absent: Linda Bown, Robert Jackson.

Non-Members Present: Curt Bellavance, Town Administrator.

6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order and the agenda read by Member Karyn Puleo. Ms. Puleo stated that the meeting was not being filmed because several boards were meeting and there were not enough cameras available. Ms. Puleo also reminded the committee that minutes would be posted to the Town's website.

Member Puleo stated she will review SWOT and make any changes for next meeting and provide an update to the Special Town Meeting article.

Other points of discussion were 1) Library Trustees, under MGL, are allowed to appoint a director; 2) member Keohane drafted an organizational chart that's clean and easy to view. This should be good for a presentation or to show the changes.

Member Keohane stated it is not really an organizational chart, more like an appointing/managing chart, we will be moving the library out on the next version

Member Puleo asked if we should invite the Finance Committee back?

Member Schnackertz stated that the Finance Committee, being a hybrid, isn't consistent with other boards.

Member Lampron stated that some of the boards still question the proposed "appointments".

Member Schnackertz stated that the Town of Littleton had an odd method, where everyone selects someone, we are proposing that appointed boards are appointed by elected officials.

Member Mercier asked if we are looking at just appointing Finance Committee? The consensus is yes.

Member Keohane stated that we should review the organizational chart (appointing/managing chart).

Member Puleo reviewed each elected board and why they would be appointed or elected; 1) conflict of interest, two-tier system, recommendations to Town Meeting; 2) Assessors are an appeal board and members must have training.

Member Keohane asked which sections of the by-law would we pull into the new charter. Possibly Sections 1, 2, 3, 8, 23, and 41.

The committee reviewed section by section. It was stated that Town Clerk should review Section 2-9.

The committee thought that members should be assigned a section for review and bring them back to the next meeting.

Member Puleo asked if the Town Administrator could have the following sections reviewed by employees; and report back at the next meeting.

Sections 2-9 Joanne; Sections 6-8 Kerry; Sections 6-9 Joanne, and Sections 6-10 Kerry.

Member Keohane suggested we send out the Charter and put on Track Changes, then at the next meeting we can review the edits. The next meeting will be January 12, 2016.

The Committee voted 7-0 on a motion by Member Keohane, second by Member Schnackertz to accept the Minutes of December 1, 2015.

Adjournment

The Committee voted 7-0 on a motion by Member Keohane, second by Member Schnackertz, to adjourn.

The Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Curt Bellavance, Town Administrator

Approved on January 12, 2016