

TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 29, 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 (arrived at 6:04 pm), Pattie Pacella.

Absent: Linda Meredith

AGENDA:

Review/approve minutes: May 5, 2014 & May 8, 2014

Bernie Roderick made a motion to approve the May 5 & May 8, 2014 minutes as presented and was seconded by Pattie Pacella. The motion passed unanimously.

Opening Public Comment:

None.

Review/Discuss Radar List:

Phil Washko asked everyone to focus on what we wanted to accomplish in the next year.

Bernie Roderick gave his opinion on what should be next, and if the Committee should be looking at a Charter.

There were suggestions on how to score the radar list and have everyone go through it and score it.

Pattie Pacella requested more information on if the Committee went the "Charter" way, how that would affect the radar list.

Everyone agreed to go through the radar list as a whole, whereas if the Charter path was taken many things on the list would fall under a Charter.

Phil Washko advised that the Town's by-laws are available on line as well as through the Town Clerk.

Dick Douglass stated that he asked Mike Ward of the Collin Center to come and discuss Charters with the Committee on June 26th.

Everyone agreed that a Charter is where the Committee wanted to focus.

The Committee then went through the radar list to determine if they should be focused within the Charter path.

Bernie Roderick asked for a few hardcopies of the Town Charters, Phil Washko to get him copies.

ACTION ITEM #1: Rich Griffiths will consolidate 5 or more Town Charters to a list for review.

Review outstanding interview list/discuss potential others:

The Committee discussed inviting previous Select board members; Mr. Roderick suggested an open forum with past Select board members.

Everyone agreed to invite them for an open forum on June 26th at 6:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEM #2: Everyone to come up with a few questions for the open forum of past Select board members.

Review public survey results:

Reviewed public survey results. Phil Washko sending to each department head with a list of the survey questions for their review.

Phil Washko will make sure the results are completed for the next meeting and we will have them published and on the website for the public.

Other Comments:

Siobhan Henebury advised that she reviewed the DOR report and highlighted what she felt was important and/or what could be done reasonably by the Committee, she will forward to all.

Rich Griffiths also reported he reviewed.

Mark Badwey reviewed the list of Select board members to be invited for the 6/26 meeting as follows: Brian Wood, Brian Bowcock, Mike Silvia, John Haaland, John Roderigues, Ruth Galary, Ron Manzone

Next Meeting is June 12, 2014.

Pattie Pacella made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mark Badwey. The motion passed unanimously at 8:03 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia A Pacella
Recording Secretary