

Town Government Study Committee Minutes
July 10, 2014

Present: Bernie Roderick, Dick Douglass, Mark Badway, Siobhan Henebury, Rich Griffiths

Absent: Phil Washko, Patti Pacella

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice Chair; Read recording disclaimer

Reviewed and approved Minutes of June 26, 2014, 5-0

Opening Public Comment: None

Review Charter material: Siobhan and Rich

- 9 Charters reviewed
- Discussion ensued relative to:
 - Table of Contents
 - Normalizing of state and local laws:
 - By Chapter N
 - By Section N#
 - By detail
- Material presented to all members (copies retained for Phil and Patti)
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Distribution of Charter Information

- Suggested that information be placed in news/magazines i.e. neighborhood news, SOCO, Advocate
- Recommended we meet with the Selectmen , WBSM, Public Forum

Mike Ward/Collins Center

Dick Douglass informed the committee that Mike Ward/Collins center will meet with the committee 7/24

Reviewed Radar List to determine which would be included in the Charter and which items should be addressed separately.

- IT Strategy
- Automatic document permitting process
- Town Hall security/surveillance

- Other Town assets security/surveillance
- Electronic Communication Policies
- State Green Community designation
- Elimination of prevailing wage law
- Civil Service
- Regionalization of Services
- Outsourcing of services
- Establish statistical evaluation
- Remaining DOR items

* All other Radar list items were determined to be addressed via the Charter

Pending Interviews

- Harbormaster- Phil/Mark
- Board of Health- Mark/Bernie
- Animal Control-Dick

It was agreed that we would use the Department Head Interview template, and that committee members could indicate additional questions at the next meeting.

Public Forum

- Decided to hold off on setting a date until after the dissemination of "Charter Information"

Survey Results/ Dick Douglass

- Needs more raw data to draw any meaningful conclusions
- Mark Bawdy questioned the value of the survey to begin with...Bernie concurred
- Question raised about the publication of the survey results
- Issue to be discussed further

Questions for Committee

- Next step in Charter process
- Draft outline
- Establish sub-committees/work schedule

Next Meeting

- July 24, 2014 @ 6:00 PM

Motioned made and seconded to adjourn; passed unanimously at 7:50 PM

BFR