

## **TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**

*Thursday, March 5, 2015 – Minutes*

Meeting called to order by the Chairperson at 6:00 p.m. and the Chairperson advised the meeting was NOT being recorded through public access.

**Present:** Chairperson: Phil Washko, Vice Chair: Bernie Roderick, Mark Badwey (arrived at 6:04pm), Dick Douglass, Siobhan Henebury (arrived at 6:24pm) Pattie Pacella

Absent: Rich Griffiths & Brian Wood

**Minutes:** Pattie Pacella made a motion to accept the 2/28/15 minutes and Dick Douglass second. The motion passed unanimously.

### **AGENDA:**

#### **Opening Public Comment:**

None.

#### **Final Review & Vote for Recommending Articles:**

##### **1. Term Limits**

Quick review of term limits language.

Pattie Pacella made a motion to accept the Town Limits Article as written and to recommend it to Town Meeting, and was seconded by Dick Douglass. The motion passed 3-1, with Bernie Roderick in opposition.

##### **2. Town Meeting Article**

Quick review of written language.

Pattie Pacella made a motion to accept Town Meeting Article as written and to recommend it to Town Meeting and was seconded by Dick Douglass. The motion passed unanimously.

A brief discussion if this article would be presented at Town Meeting by sections, in which Mr. Washko said it would be.

##### **3. IT Article**

Phil Washko explained that there were state procurement laws that needed to be followed for an assessment to be done. He had contacted 3 different vendors and only received one response, so he contacted The Collin Center and Mr. Ward sent in a proposal with back up information.

Bernie Roderick made a motion to accept the IT Assessment Article as written and recommend it to Town Meeting and was seconded by Pattie Pacella. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **4. Finance Committee**

Discussion on the word 'shall' to 'may', same discussion had at previous meeting.

Pattie Pacella made a motion to accept the Finance Committee article as written and recommend it to Town Meeting, and was seconded by Bernie Roderick. The motion passed unanimously.

Pattie Pacella made a motion to give the backup information for the IT Assessment and the Collins Center to the Selectman and was seconded by Bernie Roderick. The motion passed unanimously.

Pattie Pacella made a motion that Phil Washko be able to fix any grammatical errors while keeping the integrity of our Board with any changes he made to the articles and was seconded by Bernie Roderick. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the committee identified March 26<sup>th</sup> as the Public Forum to be held at the Town Hall. Dick Douglass was going to try and put together a newspaper ad for the Fhvn. Neighborhood News and a review for the government access channel by the next meeting.

Phil Washko was going to write the press release for the public forum.

Snacks and Refreshments to be done by Siobhan Henebury and Mark Badway.

Upcoming Meetings:

3/12  
3/19  
3/26  
4/2  
4/16  
4/30

Mark Badway discussed final report and maybe that Rich Griffiths was interested in starting to gather information for it. First and foremost to recommend a formal Charter Committee and second, a possible standing Government Study Committee.

Bernie Roderick reported that he did receive a follow up email from Rep. Strauss office re: Strong Police Chief status.

Pattie Pacella made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dick Douglass. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 6:51 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia A. Pacella  
Recording Secretary