

Town of Milton
Town Government Study Committee
February 16, 2012

The Town Government Study Committee held its first meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2012, in the Carol Blute Conference Room. Members John Cronin, Annemarie Fagan, Robert Gatnik, Ewan Innes, Rick Neely, Leroy Walker and Katie Conlon were present. Selectman Tom Hurley and Town Clerk James Mullen attended the first portion of the meeting.

Mr. Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Mullen conducted the swearing-in of the members and distributed copies of the Open Meeting Law Guide published by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Mr. Mullen left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Hurley offered introductory remarks. He suggested various topics, including regionalization and/or consolidation of services, technology improvements, whether the Town should create a CFO position and/or a Town Manager position, and whether school and town administrative services should be combined, that the Committee may wish to consider. Mr. Hurley noted that the Town Moderator will appoint two additional members to the Committee. Mr. Hurley thanked Committee members for their service and offered the assistance of the Selectmen's staff as needed. Mr. Hurley and Ms. Fagan left the meeting at 6:55 p.m. in order to attend other meetings.

Mr. Cronin distributed contact information for Committee members, a copy of the Committee's charge, and a warrant article pursuant to which the March 1964 Annual Town Meeting appointed a committee to study departmental operations but not the structure of the Town's government. Mr. Cronin gave a brief history of the actions taken in 1964 by Town Meeting and the committee it established. The Committee discussed scheduling requirements and potential topics for consideration. Mr. Neely suggested, and other members agreed, that the Committee hold a brainstorming session at its next meeting in order to narrow the topics upon which it will focus its work.

Following discussion about the election of officers, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mr. Neely as its chairman. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to elect Ms. Conlon as its secretary.

The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Neely asked members to consider topics for the brainstorming session. Mr. Neely will contact Mr. Hurley and/or the Town Moderator to follow up on the appointment of two additional members.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Katie Conlon
Secretary
February 19, 2012