

Town of Milton
Town Government Study Committee
May 1, 2012

The Town Government Study Committee met on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, in the Carol Blute Conference Room. The following members were present: Chairman Rick Neely, John Cronin, Annemarie Fagan, Rob Gatnik, Mike Joyce, Mary McNamara, Leroy Walker and Katie Conlon. The following guests were present at various times during the meeting: Town Moderator Brian Walsh, Town Clerk Susan Galvin, Town Accountant Amy Dexter, School Business Manager Matt Gillis, Director of the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) Joe Lynch and Police Chief Richard Wells.

Chairman Neely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Neely turned the meeting over to Mr. Walsh for the purpose of swearing in the new Town Clerk, noting that it is required to be performed at a public meeting. Ms. Galvin was sworn in as Town Clerk and then proceeded to swear in Ms. McNamara as a member of the Committee. Ms. Galvin introduced members of her family to the Committee. Mr. Walsh briefly discussed plans for a celebration of the Town’s 350th anniversary on the first night of the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Walsh, Ms. Galvin and Ms. Galvin’s family members recused themselves from the meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its April 12, 2012 meeting.

The Committee met with Ms. Dexter and Mr. Gillis, who discussed the operations of their offices, needed technology improvements, payroll and cash management issues, and their thoughts about potential consolidation of administrative and/or business functions.

Next, the Committee met with Mr. Lynch to discuss regionalization of certain services and functions, DPW’s management of the Town’s fleet of vehicles, potential consolidation of functions performed by DPW and the Park Department, and the Town’s current practices with respect to emergency management response communication.

Lastly, the Committee discussed with Chief Wells issues relating to potential regionalization of the 911 system, including the recent experience of the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell, which have established a regional 911 system. Chief Wells also shared with the Committee his thoughts on professional fleet management.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. The Committee added meetings on June 7 and 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by:
Katie Conlon
Secretary
May 13, 2012