

Town of Milton
Town Government Study Committee
June 7, 2012

The Town Government Study Committee met on Thursday, June 7, 2012, in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Milton High School.

The following members were present: Chairman Rick Neely, John Cronin, Annemarie Fagan, Marvin Gordon, Michael Joyce, Mary McNamara, Leroy Walker and Katie Conlon.

Chairman Neely called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He welcomed Mr. Gordon, who was recently appointed by the Board of Selectmen, as a new member of the Committee.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 5-0-1 to approve the minutes of its May 17, 2012 meeting.

The Committee discussed issues raised in its prior meetings with DPW Director Joe Lynch, Town Accountant Amy Dexter, School Business Manager Matt Gillis, Town Treasurer Jim McAuliffe, former Town Accountant Ed Spellman, and Planning Board Chair Emily Innes as well as follow-up questions to be asked of certain departments. It was agreed that the Committee will invite to a future meeting Bob Patterson and Jim Sgroi, IT managers for the school and non-school departments, respectively, as well as the chairs of the Cemetery Trustees and the Park Commissioners.

Mr. Walker presented his findings with respect to towns that have either reduced the number of town meeting members or adopted a council-manager form of government. He distributed a written summary of his findings and reported on the Town of Randolph's experience in converting from a representative town meeting to a town council-manager form of government. The Committee discussed Randolph's experience as well as similarities and differences between Milton and Randolph. Mr. Gordon suggested that the Committee explore the timing of the town election and the annual town meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

Katie Conlon
Secretary
June 8, 2012