

Town of Milton
Town Government Study Committee
July 19, 2012

The Town Government Study Committee met on Thursday, July 19, 2012, in the Carol Blute Conference Room at Town Hall.

The following members were present: Chairman Rick Neely, Michael Joyce, John Cronin, Rob Gatnik, Marvin Gordon, Mary McNamara, and Leroy Walker.

Chairman Neely called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 7-0-0 to approve the minutes of its June 14, 2012 meeting.

Chairman Neely recognized Mr. Gatnik and Mr. Joyce to present their findings on the issue of PILOT payments. Mr. Gatnik discussed their meeting with Boston City Council President Stephen Murphy, who instituted a PILOT program in the City of Boston. Mr. Gatnik then discussed the findings of a 1997 report of the Milton Selectmen's Ad Hoc PILOT Program Committee. Mr. Joyce presented data on certain non-profit institutions in the Town of Milton. Committee members asked for additional data, including records on PILOT payments that those institutions are currently making. Chairman Neely suggested that a list of non-cash benefits or services would also be helpful.

Next, Chairman Neely asked the Committee to consider what recommendations it intended to make, and how those recommendations would be presented. Mr. Walker suggested that the Committee propose a written job description for the position of Town Administrator. The Committee also discussed possible recommendations to improve the Town's technology. Chairman Neely also suggested recommending that the Board of Selectmen utilize the Department of Revenue's Local Services Division to conduct a review of the Town's financial operations.

Next, the Committee discussed possible changes to Town Meeting. Committee members considered the ideas of reducing the number of Town Meeting Members, and of holding the Annual Town Meeting prior to the Annual Town Election.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by:

Michael Joyce
July 25, 2012