

Town of Milton
Town Government Study Committee
January 10, 2013

The Town Government Study Committee (the "Committee") met on Thursday, January 10, 2013, in the Baker Conference Room. The following members were present: Chairman Rick Neely, Michael Joyce, Mary McNamara, Rob Gatnik, John Cronin, and Leroy Walker. The following members were absent: Marvin Gordon, Annemarie Fagan, and Katie Conlon.

Chairman Neely called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 3-0-2 (Mr. Joyce and Mr. Gatnik abstaining) to approve the meeting minutes of its December 13, 2012 meeting.

Chairman Neely provided the Committee with updates on the Committee's previous work. He noted that he had heard nothing from the Board of Selectmen on the Committee's Department of Revenue recommendation or its PILOT Committee recommendation. Chairman Neely stated that he would follow up with Selectman Hurley on these issues.

Next there was some discussion of the status of the Committee's recommendations for technological improvements. Chairman Neely stated that he would check with Annemarie Fagan for an update on this issue.

Ms. McNamara then updated the Committee on the Town Administrator search. She noted that forty resumes had been submitted, and that the search committee would interview a dozen or so candidates. The search committee will then recommend three or four candidates to the Board of Selectmen, which will then interview those candidates themselves.

Next, the Committee considered Ms. McNamara's Governance Recommendations. Ms. McNamara presented the Committee with an updated draft of these recommendations. Some discussion of the updates ensued. Committee members discussed the issue of when these recommendations could be presented to Town Meeting. Several members noted that it was too late for these recommendations to be included in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, and it was suggested that it could be included in the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting in the fall. Chairman Neely suggested that Ms. McNamara discuss these recommendations with the Town Clerk before the Committee sends it to the Board of Selectmen. Committee members agreed with this suggestion. Mr. Cronin endorsed this draft of the Governance Recommendations.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 6-0-0 to approve this draft of the Governance Recommendations.

The Committee then briefly discussed its recommendation for an alternate member of the Planning Board. Committee members noted that Planning Board members had raised concerns about the recommendation. Chairman Neely suggested that the Committee continue the discussion of this issue at its next meeting.

Next, Mr. Cronin discussed the Committee's review of the Town's appointed committees. Mr. Cronin presented a draft letter to the Board of Selectmen, as well as proposed Articles for Town Meeting to consider. Some discussion ensued about the inactivity of these committees. Chairman Neely suggested reaching out to members of these committees in advance of Annual Town Meeting to inform them of the Committee's recommendations.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 6-0-0 to approve the letter to the Board of Selectmen as drafted.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 6-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Submitted by:

Michael Joyce
January 10, 2013