

**Government Study Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 8, 2010, 7:15 p.m.  
Norwell Town Hall**

In attendance: Betsy Gordon; Don Shute; Eric Russo; Daniel Collins

**1. Administrative Matters**

Committee members will meet with Stephen McGoldrick of UMASS Boston on best practices in local government at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 14 Pond Street in Norwell. Mr. McGoldrick has offered to assist the Committee on a limited “pro bono” basis.

The Committee agreed it would review and recommend edits to the draft Charter amendment document tonight with the goal of finishing the edits by the end of the meeting set for 7:00 p.m. on December 13, 2010.

The Committee will plan to meet with the Advisory Board sometime in January to review the draft Charter amendment before final submission.

**2. Review and Edits to Draft Charter Amendment**

The Committee reviewed the draft Charter amendment section-by-section with recommendations for edits based on public input, experience and best practices in Norwell and other communities, and the requirements of the law, among other considerations. The Committee agreed that certain sections would require further study, including consultation with some Town officials, Town Counsel, and Mr. McGoldrick.

Dan Collins will incorporate those changes on which the Committee members agreed and will send an updated draft Charter amendment to Committee members before the December 13<sup>th</sup> meetings.

**3. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**4. Next Meeting**

The next meetings of the Government Study Committee will take place on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. and Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.