

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
Government Services Study Committee (GSSC)
Minutes of June 14, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. A. Smith was absent.

Motion was made to accept the minutes of June 7, 2013 by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mr. Arndt. Vote was 4 – 0

DISCUSSION OF YEAR-END REPORT FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Committee agreed upon the following items to be included in the report:

- 1. Mission statement – voted at the 8/3/2012 GSSC meeting
- 2. Why the decision was made to start with Public Safety – largest part of the general government expenses total budget – 30.1% - minus the school budget
- 3. List the Department Heads that have met with the Committee – mention that all departments responded to the GSSC questionnaire – identify the departments that did not meet with the Committee
- 4. Mention that each department recommended the need of an IT and building/vehicle maintenance person for the Town
- 5. Talk about consolidation: meeting with other Towns that have consolidated and what are the advantages/disadvantages - Land Use
- Regionalization – CMPRC – Franklin – pros & cons

Because of the Finance Committee Report of 2010 concerning the Fire Department, the Committee felt that issues were raised so, hence, let us review the department.

The Committee should reiterate the vote the BOS made to hire Chief Horn, as the consultant to do the Fire study for the sum of \$3000.00. The vote was on December 28, 2012, and the Finance Committee vote to provide funding was on January 10, 2013.

The Committee would also like to comment to the BOS that they were disappointed that they could not comment on Chief Horn's report as a committee before it went public.

NEXT PROJECT

The Committee agreed on the following for future goals:

- Police Department study – Ms. Gimas stated that she would like to talk to other Town's Police Chiefs and ask them the difference between a management study and an accreditation.
- May use Chief Horn for the Police Report.

The Committee is satisfied with the progress they have made so far.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee will meet with Mr. Gaudette, Town Administrator in Spencer at their August 9, 2013 meeting at 8:30 AM.

Next Meeting

Friday, July 26, 2013 at 9:00 AM.

On a motion by Mr. Levine, and seconded by Ms. Redetzke, and voted unanimously, the Committee adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Trapasso, Secretary