

Town Meeting Procedures Review Committee

Minutes of Meeting

April 22, 2010

Wayland Town Building

Members Present:

Peter Gossels, Chairman

David Bernstein

Dennis Berry

Steve Correia

Miranda Jones

William Steinberg

Richard Stack

Guests Present:

Linda Segal

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and noted that all members were present.

Ms. Jones volunteered to take the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Gossels informed the Committee that he had placed the announcement of the formation of the Town Meeting Auxiliary Committee in the Town Crier and it was confirmed that the announcement was published in the April 22, 2010 edition.

Mr. Bernstein informed the Committee that he had spoken with Alan Reiss and conveyed information that Mr. Reiss provided to him. Mr. Reiss stated that one company he had been discussing electronic voting may offer Wayland the use of the hand held devices for free as a pilot program. The Committee discussed this and agreed that we needed further information, this aspect of electronic voting is not on the current Warrant article, and we would discuss this opportunity at a subsequent date.

The members of the Committee reviewed, discussed and edited Mr. Berry's draft of the Interim Report. Due to the number of edits, the Committee will vote on approving the final version of the Interim Report electronically. Mr. Berry will email the revised version to the members either April 23rd or 24th. If Mr. Berry receives no feedback from any one of the members by noon on Sunday, April 25th, he will assume the non-responsive member approves the final version.

The Committee agreed that it would present the Interim Report to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 26, 2010, as requested by the Board. Mr. Gossels will submit the Interim Report to the Board of Selectmen via email during the morning of April 26th. The Committee agreed that Mr. Gossels, as Chairman, should give a brief presentation of the Committee's work and findings at the Board's April 26th meeting.

The Committee agreed to delay publishing the Interim Report until after the Board of Selectmen's April 26th meeting to address any issues raised during public comment and potentially incorporate any suggestions or feedback made during the Board's April 26th meeting. The Committee agreed to decide how and when to publish its Interim Report during its April 29, 2010 meeting.

The Committee agreed that it should include in the Interim Report a concluding paragraph that discusses what other proposals the Committee has considered and/or reviewed and intends to review concerning the improvement of Town Meeting. The Committee will discuss these proposals at the April 29th meeting and focus on other ideas for Town Meeting improvement between now and the May 13th Town Meeting. Mr. Bernstein will prepare a list of bullet points after the Committee's discussions.

The Committee agreed that it will hold a fourth public hearing after the May 13th Town Meeting. It will include a notice of this hearing in the Interim Report, which will be distributed at Town Meeting. Mr. Gossels will announce the public hearing at the May 13th Town Meeting.

Mr. Gossels will notify the Board of Selectmen that the Committee will not be able to present a Final Report until mid or late June of 2010.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda S. Jones