Town of West Boylston Shared Services Committee March 10, 2008

Members Present:

Patricia Altomare, Siobahn Bohnson, Cheryl Carlson, Allen Phillips, James Ryan

Approval of Minutes from February 25, 2008:

The minutes were approved. The committee is still in need of two members.

Selection of Vice-Chair and Clerk:

Cheryl Carlson voted in to fulfill both roles.

Review of Previous Regional Efforts:

Mr. Gaumond was not in attendance to present to members; however, discussion related to previous regional efforts began. Ideas shared were regarding custodial services, town libraries, and animal control officer. The idea of putting a methodology together first before approaching other towns for sharing of services was discussed.

For our next meeting, we should look at the New Jersey model and glean ideas from those examples. Discussed inviting other towns that may be interested in joining with our efforts in the near future.

Members felt we need a mission statement. We would like to ask Leon for examples of other mission statements from other regionalized committees.

As a first step, we proposed looking from within the town services and what is in common among the departments. What services are they willing to share?

Next Meeting: April 14, 2008