

**Town of West Boylston  
Shared Services Committee  
April 14, 2009  
Meeting Minutes**

1. **Members present:** James Ryan, Elaine Nedder, Allen Phillips, Patricia Altomare, Leon Gaumond, Steve Paige, Cheryl Carlson, Siobahn Bohnsen

2. **Approval of minutes from March 10, 2008:** Minutes accepted.

3. **Review of previous regional efforts:** The question was raised at to what other towns have been approached, if any, to share town services. What other towns in the area may share similar needs and size?

Currently, the town of Sterling is looking for a full time building inspector. They are requesting help while looking for something new. This may turn into something "more formal". This will be considered an experiment between the two towns as it is still in the initial stages. At the completion of the experimental sharing time, the Shared Services Committee will be informed of the progress and help to make a recommendation.

4. **Update- list of municipal services:** Looking at the budget list of municipal services, given at the previous meeting, and understanding and reviewing the list we will invite municipal agencies in to better understand the services.  
The question was raised at to why previous attempts of sharing services had not worked in the past. Leon stated that he would prepare a list of those efforts for our next meeting. He suggested we look at two models of sharing services – intra-governmental and inter-governmental services. In the past there were political obstacles. Jim suggested an organization that runs the services. For instance, the towns that share the reservoir have a common interest. Perhaps any two of those towns could share a position. It was decided that we would contact the towns to see if they are interested in sharing services with West Boylston. If so, invite a representative or two to a meeting to discuss the possibilities. For sharing services to work, we must develop a management model in order for it to be successful.