

**Town of West Boylston
Shared Services Committee
Regionalization Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2008**

1. **Members Present:** James Ryan, Elaine Nedder, Allen Phillips, Leon Gaumond, Steve Paige, Cheryl Carlson, Siobahn Bohson
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** Ms. Bohson welcomed representatives from Paxton, Boylston, Sterling and from the CMRPC.
3. **Discussion of Shared Services Committee in West Boylston:** Ms. Bohson described the Shared Services Committee's efforts to date. She opened the floor to comments from area towns as to the efforts they have taken in the past toward regionalizing. Some of the comments from area towns are listed below:
 - Paxton – Has shared information on technical services with other towns in the Wachusett district, i.e. insurance, meter reading equipment, etc. Also, for the past 1 ½ years sharing some DPW services and shared training programs. Have had a few regional meetings, but never acted upon. Rutland and Paxton did try to share dispatch services, but failed due to a territorial approach. (Paxton also felt it could be quite costly in the end.) Is also concerned they do not have the capacity/industry as other towns at table.
 - Sterling – Shares services for Animal Control Officer with Princeton. Also stated they like building a trust with smaller agreements before larger ones.
 - West Boylston – Shared services regarding Building Inspector currently occurring with Sterling.
 - Boylston – Mentioned concerns related to “all talk, but failure due to egos.”
 - CMRPC – Offered to be the “go-between” with purchasing of bid items for Worcester. The bid is open on August 31, beginning October 1 for fuel without federal and state taxes, not a fixed price.
4. **Discussion of Shared Services Framework to be Developed:**

Mr. Ryan discussed how the Shared Services Committee should work within the framework as we had previously discussed. In his discussion he stated that as expenses are growing faster than revenues, town size may not be as important.
5. **Future Meeting Schedule:**

The next meeting will be held July 14th. At this time, we will schedule future meetings. Monday nights are difficult for many of the other towns due to their own Selectmen meeting schedules.