

# Sterling Town Government Study Committee

**STGSC MEETING AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 2011  
7:00 PM, ROOM 201, BUTTERICK BLDG**

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

Present: Bob Dumont, Don Murray, Doris Bennett, Mike Radzicki, John Potter and Kathleen Mello

Absent: Jeffrey Donaldson

Meeting Started: 7:10pm

1.) Bob introduced our guests: Stephen McGoldrick- Deputy Director and Michael Ward- Associate from the Collins Center. The Collins Center was created in 2008 to help government work better and is a public service mission of UMASS. Bob gave them a brief overview of what our committee has been doing since appointed. They told us they have a database for MA.

Some observations:

There has been a decrease in volunteering statewide, provided information: sample comparable reports, framework for considering elected and appointed offices and elective office competitiveness for open town positions. It was suggested; after we finish our work we need to communicate our recommendations (prior to a town vote). One option that was posed by the Collins Center: Once our recommendations are passed at town meeting it would be taken by our state Rep (vs. Senator), we would go to a meeting to testify, then once the legislature passes usually goes to Ballot.

Discussed use of grant writers and could Sterling capitalize on this, we were told no as there is not much money available.

Discussed the Town Administer (TA) position and what they typically delegate and discussed the Personnel board. They stressed the Personnel Board must be versed on Sexual Harassment laws etc as a suit could be very expensive.

2.) Town Meeting: Bob to come up with 3-4 points to discuss at Town Meeting.

3.) Proposal to Collins Center: To utilize the information we developed and help us come up with a final document. We need to clarify our ideas regarding the TA position and need to find data to support our conclusions.

Bob to develop a draft of what we would like the Collins Center to do.

Approved Meeting Minutes from March 23, April 6, and April 13.

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Seconded by Doris  
Unanimous  
Adjourned: 9:00pm

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