

# **Sterling Town Government Study Committee**

**STGSC MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2011**

**7:00 PM, ROOM 201, BUTTERICK BLDG**

**Members present: Don Murray, John Potter, Doris Bennett and Bob Dumont**

**Members absent: Kathleen Mello, Jeff Donaldson and Micheal Radzicki**

**Guest: Michael Ward from the Collins center at U Mass Boston**

**A quorum being present the meeting began soon after 7 pm.**

**There were no pending minutes to be approved**

**For the benefit of our guest, Michael Ward, Bob Dumont gave a brief outline of what might be covered - namely a discussion of the current draft of the committees report.**

**Before the discussion of the report began, Doris Bennett indicated that drafting legislation was definitely not part of the committee's mandate. Some discussion ensued with some members indicating disagreement.**

**The meeting proceeded having discussion of the 12 items that were contained in the current draft. Among the subjects discussed: those present supported an open town and opposed the idea of a representative form of town meeting; the town by-laws need to be codified; attention needs to be given to dotted line vs. Solid line relationships in drafting a new org chart; what should the function of the finance committee be, should it renamed an advisory board, did it have an audit function; what boards should be elected, what should be appointed, what should be eliminated; what should the function of the personnel board be?**

**The meeting concluded with the committee asking: Michael Ward furnish comparative data on how other towns our size were structured vis- a- vis some of these issues as well as his ideas on how our report should be structured, along with any other thoughts he might have for us to consider.**

**The meeting adjourned a few minutes after 9 pm.**

**Robert Dumont- Chair, Donlin K. Murray -Vice- Chair, Kathleen Mello –Clerk,  
Doris Bennett, Jeffrey L. Donaldson, John Potter, Michael J. Radzicki**