

# Sterling Town Government Study Committee

**STGSC MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 2011  
7:00 PM, ROOM 201, BUTTERICK BLDG**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Present: Bob Dumont, Don Murray, Doris Bennett, Jeffrey Donaldson, Mike Radzicki and Kathleen Mello

Absent: John Potter

1. Meeting Minutes from 6/22/11: Bob motioned to accept as corrected, Don seconded, unanimous.
2. DISCUSSION ABOUT COLLINS CENTER GROUP INFORMATION AND ORGANIZATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS;
  - Jeff clarified our report is ours, the Collins center made recommendations regarding legislation.
  - Mike: Our guiding principles:
    - Retain town meeting.
    - Boards should set policy, TA enact.
    - TA- authority in alignment with his/her responsibilities.
    - If it isn't broke don't fix it.
    - Certain committees that require expertise should be partly if not wholly appointed.
    - BOS change from 3-5.
    - Modernize HR.

We need to prioritize what to change. Set clear accountability and authority, look long range vs. Day to day. Some thoughts we should utilize a Special act, rules/regulations and that we should have a gov't structure that has flexibility yet still retains town meeting form of gov't. We would like to strengthen town meeting.

- FinCom- should be the People's board- advise people at Town meeting
- Mission: To Strengthen own town meeting form of Government by enhancing the power of the people through modernization of the town government and by installing/modernizing checks and balances.
- The committee continues to work on developing/drafting guiding principles.
- Committee discussed the continued utilization of the Collin's center- thought we should come up with a draft for them to review vs. day to day items.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 7th, 2011 at 7:00pm Butterick building

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