

Sterling Town Government Study Committee

STGSC MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 7:00 PM, ROOM 201, BUTTERICK BLDG

Present: Robert Dumont, Don Murray, Doris Bennett, Jeffrey Donaldson, Mike Radzicki, Kathleen Mello and John Potter

"Doris indicated she does not believe that Warrant Article 12 authorizes the Committee to make certain of the "Recommendations" contained in the current draft Report, relative to the Town Administrator. She therefore made a motion that insofar as the majority of the Committee agrees on a final Report which includes any such or comparable recommendations, the opinion of independent legal counsel shall be obtained, before that Report is released, as to whether Article 12 authorizes the Recommendations so made. One in favor, six against. "

Jeff: It is the conclusion of the STGSC that task #4 of the Article 12 of the (2009 Town Meeting) includes making recommendations relative to the criterion or modifications of the position of Town Administrator, since the TA is a paid employee of the town.
5 in favor, 1 abstained

-Mike Rivers: requested the committee do a Q&A round table of our final recommendations.

-Target date for completion: January 1, 2012.

- Make copies and give to the Board of Selectman
- Present findings as requested

Discussed pie charts Bob had developed to represent comparisons between other towns similar in size to ours (6000-10,000 citizens) regarding Board of Health Studies, FinCom and DPW.

Jeff recommended the following as our approach to our draft recommendations:

- To change an aspect of town government
- To leave it as is
- Provide information

Plan for reviewing the draft:

Jeff- Scrivener and Bob-driver of discussion

Some of our committee members feel we are close to reviewing the draft copy.

Mike- review guiding principles.

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Mike and John feel there should be no conflict of interest between appointers and appointees.

- The committee feels the gov't should be documented
- Justify our recommendations

Each member to review prior to our next meeting on October 12.

Don- motion to adjourn, seconded.

Community member- Claire S. requested a copy of the draft.

-Kathleen – for our records to show compliance with request.

From: Donaldson, Jeffrey L.

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 9:35 AM

To: 'Ken'

Subject: Sterling Town Government Study Committee draft report

Claire,

Pursuant to your request of last evening, I have attached the draft report of the STGSC.

Jeff

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