

# Sterling Town Government Study Committee

STGSC MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DEC 7, 2011

7:00 PM, ROOM 201, BUTTERICK BLDG

Present: John Potter, Doris Bennett, Bob Dumont, Kathleen Mello, Jeff Donaldson and Michael Radzicki

Members absent: Don Murray

Meeting started: 7:25pm

**Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

**Meeting Minutes from 6/1/11**

Bob motioned to accept, seconded, all in favor- unanimous

**Meeting Minutes from 11/9/11:**

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected, all in favor- unanimous

**Meeting Minutes from 11/16/11:**

Bob- motion to accept the minutes as amended, motion made and seconded, all-in favor- unanimous.

**Meeting Minutes from 11/30/11:**

Bob- motion to accept as corrected, seconded, all in favor- unanimous.

Discussion ensued regarding letters to Town Council.

Committee voted to authorize Bob to contact Town Council, Bob will request they release the hold on our previous request and to rule on it. All in Favor- Unanimous.

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**Discussion of the Draft report:**

Further discussion of the General by Laws, noted the TA is not mentioned, BOS- 6 sentences.

- Only 4 pages dedicated to town positions (11 pages on cemeteries, a number of pages on dogs).
- - Discrepancies between practice and procedures re: Fincom. Either change the bylaws or Fincom needs to obey by laws.
- Town should develop an Organizational handbook.
- - By laws are incomplete and in some cases they are inconsistent with the way some committees operate.

Patrick Fox, retired Judge reviewed the General By-laws back to 1874 and looked at historical references, when adopted, modified to the present time.

General Code Company- codified- reorganization with a few exceptions verbatim from current by laws.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm

Next Meeting Jan 4th 2012 7:00pm

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