

Town Government Study Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2009

Call to Order

- ❖ Chairperson called the meeting to order
- ❖ Time: 7:10pm
- ❖ Location: BTV Conference Room

Roll Call

- ❖ The following committee members were present:
 - Dr. Jabbar A. al-Obaidi
 - Mr. Christopher Delmonte
 - Mr. Ed Ivaldi
 - _____ Margaret Stout
 - Ms. Anna M. Nalevanko
 - Mr. Ernie Talpey
 - Ms. Sheila Whitaker

Approval of Minutes from last minutes

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Agenda Items

- ❖ Discussion with Joe Silva about DPW concept
- ❖ Elected vs. Appointed – put off for next week
- ❖ Admin Items
 - Jeff Ritter scheduled to attend meeting on 1/27
 - Finalize BTV series
 - Combine Elected vs. Appointed with Internal Structure changes
 - Recommendation Review
 - Schedule dates for public/employee forums
 - Public forum Sat at 9am, March 14th
 - 18 Mar Wed for Public forum 630pm
 - Employee forum – Work with Jeff on this; during the day 4pm 25 Feb
 - Meeting with the Selectmen Tues 3 March at their time of choosing
 - 2008 Annual Town Report submission due 2/13
 - Have to write a report submission on Ed to write this up
- ❖ Could Town Clerk be elected or appointed? Yes, both are options
- ❖ CH. 268A, Section 20: Can employees or town officials can not be prohibited from holding an elected position; section seemed to be more of a conflict of interest, but there is a read that you could prohibit a position

- ❖ Police Chief being Civil Service – Last 30 years 60-80 towns have removed the Chiefs position as being Civil Service – typically due to corruption; there's nothing in test that checks on managerial; Typically is done within the Town, so limits the pool of candidates. Special Act can be used to do the removal – trends in state are not tracked at MMA. Can add an Assessment Center to your requirement along with Civil Service (need permission through a State Dept. of Human Resources)
- ❖ Other Items as approved by Chairperson

Motions

None.

Action Items

Sheila to write paragraph on DPW research committee

Chris to find out about how many towns have Public Safety and/or commission

Adjournment

- ❖ Determine next Meeting date, time and location
 - No meeting next week for the Committee;
 - Meet on the 20th at 7pm at Police Station
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at **9:40pm.**

Meeting minutes written by: Ernie Talpey