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Bridgewater Town Government Study Committee
Press Release:

Town Government Study Committee Gears It Up

As a result of continued growth and fiscal crisis in Bridgewater over the last few years, community opinion crystallized last fall into a desire to study the functions of town government in order to make recommendations for potential improvements. The Bridgewater Town Government Study Committee was given its charge by Article 8 of the November 13th Town Meeting of 2007 as follows:

It was voted that the town form a Town Government Study Committee. The Committee will look at the general overall makeup of town government and make various recommendations to the town for any changes to the current form of town government or for an alternative form of town government.

When appointments to the Committee were completed in February, the Committee met and organized as follows: Ed Ivaldi as Chairperson; Sheila Whitaker as Vice-Chairperson; and Ernie Talpey as Secretary. The Members that complete the Committee appointments are Dr. Jabbar Al-Obaidi, Chris Delmonte, Jim Moore, and Anna Nalevanko.

Working to finalize the scope, detail, and time-frames of the study, the Committee met on the 11th and 18th of March 2008 and plans to hold its meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month through the remainder of the year in the Police Department's Community Room at 7:30pm. Plans are being made for due-diligence research and community input in order to reach workable recommendations. The committee will present a preliminary report at the May Town Meeting.

If you would like to provide any comments or suggestions to the Committee you are invited to attend the meetings or send an email to TGSC@bridgewaterma.org.