

TOWN GOVERNMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 2, 2012 meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

Members in attendance were Boyd Jackson, Al Wallace, Jan Ablon, Holger Luther, George Anderson (in absentia)

Others in attendance were: Laura Powers, Phil Knowles, Bob Benjamin, Steve Mscisz

Discussion:

- Interviewed Phil Knowles (chairman of Highway Commissioners and Water Commissioners)
 1. He proposes abolishing elected Highway, Water and Parks & Cemetery boards
 2. He believes that 2003 TGRC made a mistake with boards being retained.
 3. He believes that all three departments should report to the Town Administrator or the Town Manager.
 4. He proposes that all three superintendents have contracts and job descriptions.
 5. Suggests that an advisory board could be considered during a “transition period”.
- Interviewed Bob Benjamin (chairman of Parks and Cemeteries) and Steve Mscisz (member of Parks and Cemeteries board)
 1. Discussed P&C control of two funds (Perpetual Care and Lot Sales) that total over one million dollars.
 2. Both Bob and Steve were adamant that current structure should be maintained (do not eliminate elected boards).
 3. Their opinion is that board members play a major role in the administration and management of the department in assistance to the superintendent.
 4. The P&C has evolved in to a Parks, Cemeteries and Recreation department and that recreation takes significant amounts of their time.
 5. They interface with TAA, Masco, Recreation Committee, Little League, etc.

6. They are of the opinion that current superintendent would resign if organization structure was changed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM