

TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

Town Government Study Committee (TGSC)

Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2018

Members Present: Dan Bartkus, Adam Collette, John Fairbanks, Dan Gilbreath, Lisa Rocheleau, Jon Wyman, Wayne Walker

Members Absent: Roy Hughes

Others Present: Bernard Lynch

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the chairman.

A motion was made by Jon Wyman to approve the minutes from the 29 October 2018 meeting, and Wayne Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

The Committee met with Bernard Lynch Community Paradigm Associates (CPA). Discussion focused upon recent developments with the TGSC and Board of Selectmen (BoS). TGSC agreed to ask BoS for a Special Town Meeting for the purpose of discussing the Town Charter as proposed by the TGSC rather than attempt to include it as a Warrant Article in the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. TGSC agreed to compile a letter to be sent by the Committee Chair to the BoS seeking clarification of their position regarding the current proposal from TGSC. TGSC also agreed that the Committee Chair should draft a letter and submit to all Boards and Department Heads in Westminster outlining the information thus far publicly disseminated by TGSC, means of accessing it, and availability of further direct information through interface with TGSC regarding their proposed Town Charter. At the request of the BoS, the TGSC agreed that the Committee Chair should compile a comparative matrix outlining key differences between the present system of governance in Westminster as compared to that in the proposed Town Charter. Ongoing work between TGSC, CPA, and town counsel regarding non-substantive open questions regarding the Town Charter were also discussed.

Next meeting slated for 12 December at 7:00 PM.

Adam Collette made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Jon Wyman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by:



Adam L. Collette
Vice Chairman, Town Government Study Committee