

TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

Town Government Study Committee (TGSC)

Meeting Minutes for 25 Jan 2018

Members Present: Adam Collette, John Fairbanks, Wayne Walker, Lisa Rocheleau, Roy Hughes, Dan Bartkus

Members Absent: Jon Wyman, Dan Gilbreath

Others Present: Bernard Lynch, Peter Hechenbleikner

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the chairman.

A motion was made by Lisa Rocheleau to approve the minutes from the 6 December 2017 meeting, providing an amendment was made to delete the 15 February meeting date and add a 1 March meeting date. Adam Collette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved with the suggested amendment.

The Committee met with Bernard Lynch and Peter Hechenbleikner of Community Paradigm Associates (CPA). The focus on the discussion was with regard to election versus appointment of positions, the conceptual background, and practical impact of these mechanisms upon Westminster's government in both current and future scenarios. Discussion also included levels of responsibility and authority presently granted various boards and individual positions and how their devolution of power might be most effectively articulated. Included in this were elements regarding hiring authority, process, and associated approvals. The discussion also involved a comparison with similar towns, and how they devolve power and integrate into their governmental structure.

The next several meetings are currently scheduled as follows, each with a 7:00 PM start time: March 15th, and April 19th.

John Fairbanks made a motion to adjourn at 9:23 PM. Adam Collette seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by:

Adam Collette
Vice Chair, Town Government Study Committee