

Minutes
Town Government Study Committee
July 15, 2010
7:00p.m.
Room 203 Town House

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00p.m.

Members present: Frances Hoeg, Keith Elder, Jean Landis Naumann, Wendell Chamberlain, Mary O'Donnell, Ken Stevens, Paul Tura, Bob Ward

Members absent: John Haas, Richard Dennehy

Others present: Steven Triffletti, Mary Lou Murzyn, Michael Stone, Eugene Wyatt Jr.

On a **motion** by Bob Ward, seconded by Jean Landis Naumann, the minutes of July 1, 2010 were approved as written. The vote was 6 in favor with one abstention (Elder).

A presentation was made by Steven Triffletti on Representative Town Meeting. Some differences between OTM and RTM are:

- Town Meeting representatives are elected
- The community is divided into precincts with 9 Town Meeting members per precinct
- Precincts hold Caucus meetings to discuss upcoming Town Meeting topics. These meetings are open to the community
- Community members can speak at Town Meeting but cannot vote
- Town Meeting is considered the Legislative Branch of the Government with Selectmen serving as the Executive Branch

Committee discussed Mr. Triffletti's presentation. Some questions arose regarding the process of changing from OTM to RTM. On a **motion** by Fran Hoeg, seconded by Mary O'Donnell it was voted to have the Chairman seek information from the Secretary of State regarding the process for changing from OTM to RTM. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman reported that he will be making a presentation to the Selectmen on July 20, 2010.

A thank you letter will be sent by the Chairman to Steve Triffletti to thank him for his visit with the Committee.

The next meeting of the Committee will be August 5, 2010.

On a motion by Jean Landis Naumann, seconded by Paul Tura, it was voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.