

Town Council Study Committee Meeting Minutes - August 21st 3:00-5:00:pm

Attendees:

- Jeff Carlson (Chair)
- Curtis Barnes
- Rachel Mandle
- Caroline Baltzer
- Jill Vieth
- Tom Dixon
- Beau Barber
- Mel Kleckner (Collins Center)
- Patricia Lloyd (Collins Center)
- Anthony Wilson (Collins Center)

Agenda:

1. Acceptance of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from August 7th
3. Review of Article 2 (Town Council Provisions)
4. Discussion of Elected and Appointed Officials

Key Points:

1. **Acceptance of Agenda:** The committee accepted the agenda for the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the August 7th meeting were not available, so approval was deferred to the next meeting.
3. **Review of Article 2:** Pat reviewed the updated language for Article 2, incorporating suggestions from the committee. Key points included:
 - Section 2.2B: No member shall hold any compensated appointed office within a year following their service on Town Council, unless the one-year period is waived by Town Council.
 - Section 2.3: Removed reference to the council president serving on the school committee.
 - Added language regarding the liaison role between the Town Council and school committee.

4. **Discussion of Elected and Appointed Officials:** Anthony presented a framework for considering which positions should be elected versus appointed. Key points included:

- Policymaking authority
- Ministerial authority
- Training and expertise
- Ease of public evaluation
- Checks and balances
- Efficiency of government operations
- Competitiveness of elections

Competitiveness of Elections Chart:

- Presented a chart analyzing the competitiveness of elections for various positions over the past 10 years.
- The chart showed that some positions, such as Moderator, Housing Authority, Town Clerk, and Harbor Shellfish Advisory Board, had low competitiveness.

Action Items:

- Send updated documents to the committee.
- Continue discussion on elected and appointed officials at the next meeting.

Next Steps:

- Review and discuss the draft language for elected and appointed officials.
- Consider the framework and competitiveness chart when making decisions.