



TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Ad Hoc Government Study Committee

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Ad Hoc Government Study Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2020
Town Hall Meeting Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Prichard, Sanford Cohen, John Ridzon, Michael Francis, Mary Percoski and Heather Stavens

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Clavet

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Einsiedel, Recording Secretary; Lori Spielman, First Selectman; Betsi Feldman, Joseph Wehr and Peg Busse

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman James Prichard.

II. Citizens' Forum [non-agenda items]: No one came forward.

III. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2020

MOVED (RIDZON), SECONDED (COHEN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING.

IV. Unfinished Business:

A. Government Study Review

1. Discussion of Job Descriptions of Surrounding Towns

Mr. Prichard asked the Committee if they had any comments regarding the job descriptions previously provided. The Committee members agreed that Mr. Purcaro's visit at the last meeting was very insightful and helpful. Discussion was then held about contacting some additional surrounding Town Managers and Town Administrators to be guest speakers. Mr. Prichard stated that he was currently in the process of scheduling guest speakers and he specifically would like to have input from the Town of Simsbury, as well as John Elsesser, the Town Manager for Coventry.

2. Charter Revision Documents

Mr. Prichard said he received the Charter Revision documents from the Hall Memorial Library and was still reviewing them. He will continue to read through the documents and pull the important information for the Committee to review.

3. Salary Survey FY 2019-2020 of Comparable Population Towns

Mr. Prichard asked the Committee members to review the handout provided to them from Ms. Spielman regarding the surrounding towns' salaries [ATTACHED]. There were no questions or comments.

V. New Business

A. Committee Member Update

Mr. Prichard stated that he received a letter of resignation from Dennis Clavet today. Betsi Feldman had previously submitted a Statement of Interest to serve on the Committee, which will be presented to the Personnel Committee at their next scheduled meeting on August 10, 2020.

Mrs. Feldman 108 Ellington Avenue, asked the Committee if the meetings were always held at 6:00 pm., as she may have an issue attending them with her work schedule. Mr. Prichard and the Committee members agreed that the meeting times could be changed to 7:00 pm going forward.

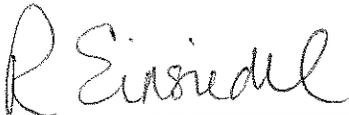
VI. Review Action Items

Mr. Prichard stated that it was difficult to arrange a guest speaker for this week; however, the towns of Bolton, Tolland, Coventry and possibly Simsbury will be contacted to speak at future meetings.

Ms. Busse 37 Abbott Road, questioned if it was appropriate to hold the next meeting on August 11, 2020 as it falls on a Primary Election voting date. Ms. Einsiedel said she will look into this and let Mr. Prichard know so can adjust the meeting schedule if necessary.

VII. Adjournment

MOVED (FRANCIS), SECONDED (COHEN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:36 PM.

Submitted by: 
Rebecca Einsiedel
Recording Secretary

Town	Mayor or FS	Mill Rate	Town Size	Head	Salary	Chief of Police	Length of Term
Enfield		39.4	43,120	Town Manager	169,950	134,930	
Suffield		29.32	15,735	First Selectman	105,581	114,240	2 years
Windsor Locks		26.66	12,556	First Selectman	99,368	139,999	2 years
Windsor	Mayor	32.96	28,474	Town Manager	110,597	129,770	2 years
East Windsor		33.9	12,650	First Selectman	76,960	137,363	4 years
South Windsor	Mayor	37.67	25,709	Town Manager	164,000	144,032	
East Hartford	Mayor	47.66	51,252	Mayor	89,532	135,009	
Manchester	Mayor	35.81	58,241	Town Manager	108,881	140,000	
Glastonbury		36	34,427	Town Manager	191,919		
Hebron		37.44	9,686	Town Manager	131,280		
Bolton	First Selectman (15,209.69)	39	4,637	Administrator	88,118		
Andover	First Selectman	33.95	3,303	Administrator	85,871		
Goshen	First Selectman	19.6	3,095	First Selectman	71,729		2 years
Farmington		27.18	25,340	Town Manager	78,251	153,403	
Somers		27.37	11,106	First Selectman	93,280		2 years
Ellington		31.7	16,195	First Selectman	92,498		2 years
Tolland		35	15,052	Town Manager	137,750		
Coventry	Town Council	32.2	12,435	Town Manager	151,980	116,100	
Columbia	First Selectman	29.33	5,485	Administrator			
Mansfield	Mayor	30.88	26,543	Town Manager	113,477		
Ashford		34.76	4,261	First Selectman	60,878		2 years
Wethersfield	Mayor	40.76	21,572	Town Manager	135,000		
Rocky Hill	Mayor	32.4	19,709	Town Manager		138,700	
Colchester		32.25	16,194	First Selectman	88,534		2 years
Stafford		34.26	12,172	First Selectman	67,152	90,000	2 years
Vernon	Mayor	39.63	30,051	Administrator	136,184	120,370	
Granby	First Selectman	38.64	10,951	Town Manager	140,400	131,074	