



Town of East Greenwich

Ad Hoc FY 2013 Budget Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 29, 2012

Location and Time: Town Hall, 125 Main Street, 8:00am

Committee Members: Henry R. Kates, Chair
Tom Stocker
Judy Assad

Staff Members: William Sequino, Jr. – Town Manager
Leigh A. Botello – Town Clerk
Kathleen Raposa – Finance Director

Mr. Kates calls the meeting to order.

1) Approval of Minutes

- a. November 1, 2011
- b. November 14, 2011
- c. November 15, 2011
- d. December 14, 2011
- e. January 11, 2012
- f. February 15, 2012

Mr. Kates asks Mr. Sequino if he has any information to provide based on the minutes from January 11, 2012 stating that the committee was looking for some bullet points from him and Superintendent Mercurio about their last meeting together. Mr. Sequino replies they never met so there is nothing to report back.

Ms. Assad moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Stocker. All members vote in favor and the motion carries 3-0.

2) Adoption of Recommendations and Observations for FY 2013

Mr. Stocker wanted the committee to review and formally approve the recommendations and observations before forwarding them to the Town



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Council. He compliments Mr. Sequino and his staff for their cooperation and bringing the committee through this process. Although collaboration is still important between both sides and there could be potential savings through the consolidation of services, meeting with the Department Heads did not uncover much.

Mr. Kates concurs and adds that the group was very professional. He feels the consolidation must be done to take the burden off the taxpayers. East Greenwich can be a leader here.

Mr. Sequino notes that the Town has continuity, low turnover rates and institutional history on its side. He feels the Recommendations and Observations should be more specific. It is still not clear what the Maintenance Department on the school side can or is willing to offer.

Mr. Stocker suggests that perhaps an outside facilitator may harbor a more cooperative relationship between the two facilities departments.

Mr. Kates suggests making it a priority to facilitate discussions between the two sides. Ms. Assad adds it should be presented as directives from management.

Mr. Stocker continues that he had a conversation with Bob Wilmarth and found \$50K in potential savings without talking with Director Duarte. He feels Mr. Wilmarth and Mr. Duarte should go through Bob's list again.

Mr. Sequino notes it would be advantageous to get some reciprocation from the Schools such as iPad training for employees. He is encouraged by the committee to work it out with the superintendent. Mr. Kates adds that the schools bring people to the Town to live and raise families.

A brief discussion follows on the redundancies within the IT Departments on both sides and the new hire at the School Department.



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The committee will make a formal presentation to the Town Council at their next meeting on March 26, 2012.

Additional meetings are on hold until further notice.

Ms. Assad moves to approve the Recommendations and Observations as is, seconded by Mr. Stocker. All members vote in favor and the motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Stocker moves to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Assad. All members vote in favor and the motion carries 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh

Leigh A. Botello
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE MARCH 26, 2012