



GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of the April 25, 2002 Meeting
Hearing Room 7:30 PM

Present: Members George Bailey, David Hearne, Leonard Segal, Patricia Zlotin, and Anne Carney

Absent: David Fixler, Dennis Friedman and Michael Schachter

Chairman Anne Carney called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

This was the second of the public hearings scheduled to receive input from the community. Peg Arguimbau and Bill Loisselle appeared to state their strong support of open town meeting. They felt that it was the only forum where individuals could directly speak about town matters that were important to them. Members of the committee asked questions about how representative they felt open town meeting actually was and both individuals felt that people who had strong views about issues would make the time to come. Citizens had an opportunity to participate and it was up to them to take advantage of it. They didn't believe the inconvenience of open town meeting was sufficient reason to do away with it.

Chairman Carney thanked both citizens for their input and the committee proceeded to discuss how we get information out about options other than open town meeting. George Bailey felt very strongly that the committee had to give a fair analysis of all three options: open town meeting, representative town meeting and council form of government. The committee again discussed trying to make more use of a website to get information out.

The next scheduled meeting is set for May 29th and that date will be after the annual town meeting. The committee will attempt to get Moderator Paul Bouton to that meeting to get his views on what went well and what could be improved upon.

With no further business to discuss, Anne called for adjournment. The motion was seconded by George and voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

