

Town of Somerset - Somerset Government Efficiency Committee

Minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting
Meeting # 12
Held at the Town Hall

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Meeting attended by: Councilman: Daniel Engert, Councilman: Randy Wayner, Councilman: Gary Alt and Town Water / Sewer Dept. Foreman: Doug Lewis

Other Town resident attendees: None.

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Councilman Engert.

Agenda Topic:

- Welcome new SGEC members – Councilman: Gary Alt and Foreman: Doug Lewis.

Councilman Engert and Councilman Wayner provided the background of the purpose and intent of the SGEC. We read the SGEC Mission Statement that was developed at the very first meeting, on December 6 2008 (see below) and elaborated as to its development, key words, and purpose.

Our Mission Statement is as follows: *The purpose and intent of the Somerset Government Efficiency Committee is to explore some specific shared service and consolidation opportunities that provide for a more efficient local government. The process will be transparent and comprehensive. Recommendations will be based on quantified data that will demonstrate a clear and direct benefit to the residents of the Town of Somerset.*

Agenda Topic:

- Having Part Time Elected Officials pay a percentage of their Town Health Insurance premiums.

Councilman Engert and Councilman Wayner reviewed the conversations and thought process involved in the 2009 SGEC meetings relating to those part time elected officials, (Councilpersons, Supervisor, Tax Collector, and Justice of the Peace) who are not yet eligible to enroll in Medicare pay a set percentage of their total health insurance costs. We will provide a specific percentage in our upcoming recommendation to the Town Board.

(Note: Please reference the minutes from SGEC meeting #11 held June 6, 2009 for a considerable amount of additional information.).

A lengthy discussion relative to healthcare costs in general, and the many different ways various entities are handling the rapidly rising cost of health insurance coverage ensued.

Agenda Topic:

- Retired part Time Elected Officials paying part of their Health Insurance premiums.

Discussion regarding a fair and reasonable percentage for retired Part Time Elected officials took place. Pursuant to the active Part Time Elected officials discussion, a specific percentage will be included in our upcoming recommendation to the Town Board.

Next Steps:

The SGEC will meet again on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:00 pm to work on a formal recommendation that will be presented to the Town Board at its February (or March) meeting.

Assignments:

All members are to formulate their thoughts to be included in the formal recommendation.

Next meeting:

February 8, 2010
6:00 pm at the Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Councilman: Randall Wayner