

## *Town of Somerset - Somerset Government Efficiency Committee*

Minutes of the March 22, 2010 meeting  
Meeting # 14 - Held at the Town Hall

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Meeting attended by Committee Members: Councilman: Gary Alt, Councilman: Randy Wayner, and Councilman: Daniel Engert.

Town resident attendees: Ruth Wendler, Mel Denny, Doug Lewis, Orville Rogers, Jeff Reeson, and Mike Dickenson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Committee Chairman - Randy Wayner.

### **Agenda Topic:**

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

Councilman Wayner read the latest version of the draft recommendation document. This draft was introduced as a vehicle to initiate dialog, solicit points of view, and reach consensus surrounding this topic. After a brief discussion between Committee members Councilman Engert suggested adding some information relative to total cost savings. Councilman Wayner agreed to add this language. The committee fielded several questions from the residents who were in attendance, Tax Collector – R. Wendler, expressed her concern that these changes would take effect after she had already decided to run for office this past fall, and as salary and insurance were factors in making that decision she felt it was unfair to have to pay a percentage of her insurance expense now. Further discussion ensued regarding the timing of the changes under consideration, and the Town Attorney's legal opinion. Discussion relative to salary levels paid by other area Towns took place. As a result of these varied discussion points, the SGEC agreed to engage in some more study before presenting this initiative to the Town Board.

### **Next Steps:**

Councilmen Wayner will add language covering total cost savings to the draft recommendation. Councilman Engert will reference his records to find a copy of the Town Attorney's legal opinion covering this initiative. Councilman Wayner will work on the final draft recommendation and will circulate it to the members of the Committee. Upon approval by the members of the Committee it will be formalized and forwarded to the Town Board for their review. We will have the formal recommendation to them well before the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting so they have plenty of time to digest it and ask any questions they may have.

### **Agenda Topic:**

- Conduct a review of reimbursed mileage expenses incurred by Town officials and employees.

A brief discussion was held concerning the current state of the Town's mileage policy and documentation. There are more questions than answers at this point so further study is in order. A more complete discussion surrounding this topic is planned for our next meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Councilman: Randall Wayner