

Town Government, Emergency Services, Transfer Station – Subcommittee
By Zoom, July 7, 2021 – 6:30-7 pm
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The Subcommittee held its first face-to-face meeting (by Zoom) for the purpose of appointing a Chair and deciding on a future course of action. Members present forming a quorum: Ajami, Bishop, Gill, MacCorkle; absent: DiMauro.

Ajami was appointed chair. The members present agreed to meet once in late August and then to try to meet once or twice a month thereafter on Wednesdays in the 6:30-7:30 pm time slot, perhaps even overlapping the “Finances” subcommittee (5:30-6:30 pm) since there will be overlap especially over the financial aspects of government and government services.

While there was no specific discussion of subjects under review, it was agreed that each member would continue the study plan articulated in correspondence prior to the meeting:

1) to read up on the appropriate sections in the 2002 CP and in the sections outlined in the Guidance Document, Appendix 1, that was circulated at the last plenary meeting, in particular pages 49-53 in the annotated rule of ch208, for a list of additional topics; and

2) to cull background information and to formulate data gathering questions pertinent to “hot button” issues that might merit future consideration, such as:

- town manager vs town administrator,
- new rules governing the select board,
- management org chart,
- more recycling at the transfer station including electronic and hazmat waste,
- governance of the CLC Ambulance service and whether Bristol should go it alone by augmenting first response to EMT capability
- reorganization of town committees, especially those dealing with budgets and financial planning, in order to construct a long range capital plan and establish audit/compliance guidelines

Lastly, it was further agreed:

3) to stand by for the draft survey questions (to be announced at the July 13 general meeting) and augment them from the perspective of this Subcommittee; and

4) to craft any general message to others about the CPC in a consistent fashion based on the standardized Q&A, covering most sensitive issues and available on line as a public document.

By Alfred Ajami, acting as recording secretary.