

**MINUTES**  
**Governance Committee**  
**11/18/2014 @ 7:30am**

Meeting called to order at 7:38am

Members Present: Chairman Stephen Gray, John Cotter, Jim Grimes and Jack Angley  
Staff: Michele Doll

**Approval of minutes from October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting**

*Motion to approve as amended by Grimes. Cotter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Angley abstained. Approved 3-0-1*

**Update from Town Administrator relative to OPEB issues**

**Gray** – Milanoski not available for meeting. A Governance Committee update is expected at tonight's BoS meeting. The Town must notify Gateway by December 1<sup>st</sup>, if it intends to change to Mayflower Group. Two advantages of change are: 1) anticipated NET savings over the next 3 years of approximately \$1 million and 2) coverage will be equal or better than currently offered. **Cotter** – Consultant did great job. Delta Dental plan added and still found savings. Need to meet the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to get back reserves, estimated at \$50,000 - \$100,000, from Gateway. Mayflower buy-in, estimated \$1.3 million, would be a non-refundable investment. Needs BoS and Union approval. Tom O'Brien has expressed interest in getting Carver back in Mayflower. **Gray** - Are unions in line with change? **Cotter** – per Town Administrator they are inclined to accept, but have some small issues. Notice to Gateway will be point of no return. Mayflower Steering Group to vote this week, on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Final vote will not be until February 2015. **Angley**: Are we perceived as a risk? **Gray** - Where do we go, if denied? **Cotter** - MIIA Health is the T.A. backup plan. **Grimes** - How do we pay, if accepted? **Cotter** - Have not seen plan, but there are several options. **Angley** - What is the advantage of waiting a year? **Cotter** - We would know if we've been accepted by Mayflower.

*Cotter motioned to recommend Town move from Gateway Health to Mayflower Health, contingent on approval from Unions and positive vote from Steering Committee, for equivalent or better coverage and cost savings. Angley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.*

**Discussion relative to Carver Housing and South Shore Housing water and maintenance issues**

**Cotter** – made another request to Town Planner for Financial information on Housing. **Hunter** – will look into providing information. Distributed copies and reviewed update submitted to T.A. on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Advised system continues to be flushed monthly. Approximately \$145,000 in upgrades needed to meet eventual DEP requirements. Hunter suggests applying for FY16 Grant to install Green Sand Filtration System. Temporarily install Ion Exchange Vessel System (2-3 years). Hunter states that he has received verbal confirmation from both Carver Housing Management and South Shore Housing Management to a monetary commitment to share costs. BoS are the Water Commissioners and can establish a rate, if an agreement cannot be met. The project would have to go out to bid. **Gray** – this is a High Priority issue and we need to make a recommendation.

*Motion by Grimes to support installation of Ion Exchange Vessel System as temporary solution and follow-up with Grant request for permanent installation of Green Sand Filtration System; pursue discussions with Housing Directors regarding contribution for expenses. Cotter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.*

**Discussion relative to roles of Committees and Boards in Town**

Review annual activity page 1 of handout.

**Discussion relative to Town-wide IT Department for FY16**

**Gray** – contacted by multiple sources stating that the computer issues and IT needs are critical in Town Hall. No wi-fi; outdated equipment; some service and maintenance provided by School IT. Spoke with the T.A. and

advised that issue is being managed and addressed. Cotter: has submitted recommendation to T.A. to contact Marshfield IT for direction/advice.

*Motion to table for review in early 2015 by Gray. Cotter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.*

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am.

*Motion to adjourn at 9:25 by Cotter. Grimes 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.*