

**Structural Change Impact Group  
Consolidation, Regionalization & Outsourcing Working Group**

Minutes  
September 24, 2021  
Meeting conducted via Zoom

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DATE: November 10, 2021  
TIME: 3:05 PM

Members present: Mark Paolillo, Aaron Pikcilingis, Paul Rickter

Members absent: Brian Antonellis

Other attendees:

Meeting was called to order at 8:07am.

**Scoring of Ideas on the Matrix**

We reviewed ideas on the matrix that have not previously been scored. All items are identified by their ID numbers and are included in the committee idea matrix posted at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/b64yoe9y05lnwzb/AAB5iDttndB5Pfik6Wzo5Qgva?dl=0>.

- Combine the operation of the Higginbottom and new Underwood pools to maximize revenues (ID 79) - scored at .37 - Rickter will consult with Assistant Town Administrator Jon Marshall.
- Evaluate cost/benefit of COA transportation (ID 95) - scored at .17 - Paolillo will consult with Council on Aging Director Nava Niv-Vogel.
- Legislators must work to limit or eliminate unfunded mandates from the state government (ID 99) - scored at .40 - Pikcilingis will do an initial write up.
- Lobby for changes at the state level in the current pension system and for additional healthcare reform (ID 100) - suggest moving to Personnel, Compensation WG.
- Share Special Education costs with Lexington, Arlington, Bedford, and Burlington (ID 131) - Pikcilingis has written this up already, no score needed.
- Restrict liquor license transfers (ID 168) - Pikcilingis has written this up already, no score needed.
- Join community compact to bring in funds for the Collins Center financial modeling (ID 169) - Rickter has written this up already, no score needed.
- Shared Nurse with Lexington (ID 178) - Paolillo has written this up already, no score needed.
- Shared inspector with Watertown (ID 179) - Pikcilingis will write this up, no score needed.
- Reorganize Town Accounting department (ID 189) - scored at .40 - Rickter will learn more about this from Town Accountant Glenn Castro.
- Open Marijuana Retail Dispensaries (ID 201) - scored at .57 - Rickter will get a status update from Town Administrator Patrice Garvin.
- Eliminate citizen building committees and hire good project managers (ID 212) - Pikcilingis will write this up, no score needed.

- Have a professional, appointed Town Clerk (ID 215) - Paolillo has written this up already, no score needed.
- Change open meeting law to allow municipal gov't to operate more like private enterprise (ID 219) - Rickter has written this up already, no score needed.
- Explore alternative financial products and financial advisors/firms to quickly adapt to market conditions to refinance or invest town funds (ID 240) - scored at .27 - Paolillo will talk to Town Treasurer Floyd Carman.
- Charge congestion pricing for traffic passing through Belmont Center (ID 272) - Pikcilingis and Rickter will write this up, no score needed.
- Go back to the Collins center for more help (ID 346) - Rickter will learn more and write this up, we will score later.
- Can we consolidate our polling locations? (ID 360) - Paolillo will talk to Town Clerk Ellen Cushman to find out more, we will score later.
- The town could sell advertising on billboards or e-billboards (ID 366) - scored at .37 - Paolillo will research the naming rights issue, for which we may already have a policy.

### **Meeting with Arlington Town Manager Next Week**

The working group will meet with Arlington Town Manager at 8:00am on October 1. Members will send their questions in advance to Pikcilingis.

### **Future meeting schedule**

October 1 at 8:00am, October 8 at 8:00am.

Adjourned at 9:26am (Moved: Rickter, Seconded: Paolillo, Voted 3-0)

Minutes recorded by Paul Rickter