

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

Minutes
September 3, 2021
Meeting conducted via Zoom

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DATE: October 12, 2021
TIME: 9:20 AM

Members present: Aaron Pikcilingis, Paul Rickter, Mark Paolillo
Members absent: Brian Antonellis
Other attendees:

Meeting was called to order at 8:10am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 22, July 28, July 29, and August 6 were approved.

August 6 - Moved: Pikcilingis, Seconded: Ricker, Voted: 2-0 with Paolillo abstaining

July 22, 28, 29 - Moved: Pikcilingis, Seconded: Paolillo, Voted: 3-0

Scoring of Ideas on the Matrix

We reviewed parent ideas on the matrix that had not previously been scored. Maximum score is 1.0 and higher numbers represent more promising ideas. 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>.

- Cemetery charges should cover full operating costs (ID 42) - Scored as .30
- Merge Recreation, Senior Center and Veterans (ID 78) - Scored as .30
- Establish a working group of town administrators/managers with comparable communities (ID 108) - Scored as .53
- Unify police and fire as public safety force (ID 222) - Scored as .43
- Outsource emergency response services (ID 223) - Scored as .14
- Reduce the number of documents/reports created by the Town (ID 334) - Scored as .07
- Improve the efficacy and efficiency of capital projects and expenditures (ID 344) - Scored as .37
- Lobby legislature for the PILOT program to be mandatory (ID 352) - Scored as .40

Discussion on Other Ideas

Working group members discussed further plans for other ideas.

- Establish a working group of town administrators/managers with comparable communities (ID 108) - Paolillo will set up a meeting with the Arlington Town Manager and this working group.
- Merge service departments between school and town (ID 14) - Paolillo will set up a meeting with stakeholders to discuss IT merger.

- Cancel the middle school portion of the school building project (ID 381) - Pikcilingis will talk to Michael McAllister about school enrollment numbers.
- Regionalize town services, including trash pickup (ID 330) - Because of service implications of a potential shift to five-day trash pickup, the working group needs to discuss this idea with the Revenue, Budget, and Services working group.

Future meeting schedule

September 10 at 9:00am and September 17 at 8:00am.

Adjourned at 9:12am (Moved: Paolillo, Seconded: Rickter, Voted 3-0)

Minutes recorded by Paul Rickter