

Structural Change Implementation Committee
Minutes
April 9, 2024
Remote Meeting via Zoom

DATE: June 7, 2024
TIME: 11:25 AM

Members present: Tim Bucciarelli, John Kolterman, Paul Rickter, and Larry Link for last 15 minutes

Other attendees: Lynn Peterson Reed

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

Minutes Approval

The following sets of minutes from prior meetings were approved:

- March 19, 2024 - moved by Mr. Bucciarelli & approved with Mr. Link abstaining

Status review of top ideas

- Idea #275 – Real Estate Transfer Tax in committee, “Affordable Homes Act”
- Idea #23 - Increase Revenue from Grants. Mr. Bucciarelli raised the idea of performing an initial audit to determine the viability of a grant writer position. Mr. Kolterman to reach out to city of Beverly to see if they have recommendations of someone who could perform such an audit.
- Idea #33 - Civil Service - idea is complete.
- Idea #36 - Review Town Owned Property for Best Use. Need the Select Board to get behind this. The old Light Department building should be the initial focus. Mr. Bucciarelli to reach out to Light Board chair David Beavers to learn when the Light Department plans to fully vacate the premises.
- Idea #39 - Establish Budget Guidelines - essentially done - ACTION - Mr. Rickter will check with Anne Helgen on whether this idea can be considered complete.
- Idea #101 – PILOT. This is on hold pending the recount of the Board of Assessors recount vote.
- Idea #107 - Reevaluate Town Zoning with Master Plan. This is a large project meant to spur commercial growth. Need to push this after things settle with the MBTA Communities Act.
- Idea #268 - Pension Liabilities/Retirement Board Savings. This has been addressed to some extent.
- Idea #269 - Transfer Health Care Insurance to the GIC - in the hands of the town administrator, this is another timing consideration
- Idea #378 - Supplemental Tax Assessment on New Construction. This is also pending the outcome of the Board of Assessors vote recount
- Idea #391 - Allow hotels and B2Bs in bylaws. In the hands of the Planning Board. Wait on this one.

The future of the Structural Change Impact Committee

Mr. Richter will be rolling off this committee in September to take over as a chair of the Warrant Committee.

Is our work done, should we become a permanent committee, or do we roll into the Vision 21 Committee?

There appears to be a good bit overlap of the charter of the Vision 21 Committee and the SCIC. Should the SCIC become part of the Vision 21 Committee, form a working relationship with them, or continue wholly as an independent committee.

SCIC could build joint working groups with the Vision 21 Committee, or perhaps become a “research arm” or “prioritization arm” of the Vision 21 Committee.

If the SCIC remains as its own committee, we will need to recruit 1 or 2 members and a new chair will need to be appointed.

Mr. Richter to speak with Taylor Yates, chair of the Vision 21 Committee about these ideas. Mr. Richter will also speak with Elizabeth Dionne about her thoughts on the future of the SCIC.

Public Comment No public comment.

Next Meeting

The committee agreed to schedule our next meeting for May 7 at 7pm.

Adjournment

The committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:26pm

Minutes submitted by John Kolterman

Ideas under consideration:

- [Idea #23 - Increase Revenues from Grants](#)
- [Idea #33 - Civil Service](#)
- [Idea #101 - “Payments In Lieu Of Taxes” for Non-Profits and Private Schools](#)
- [Idea #268 - Pension Liabilities/Retirement Board Savings](#)
- [Idea #269 - Transfer Health Care Insurance to the GIC](#)
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