



LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES—SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022

Members present: Richard Muckle, Tom Dembek, Susan Driscoll

Members absent: Tim Fioravanti, Dave Welch

Also present: Finance Director Kim Allen, Town Attorney Nick Kepple, Paul Goldstein (RTM)

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1., 2., 3. With quorum established, meeting called to order by Chair Muckle at 5:37 p.m.

4. Public comment: None

5. Consideration of previous minutes: Motion by Dembek, second by Driscoll, to accept the minutes of the L&A Committee meeting of March 15, 2022, as presented. Voice vote: Unanimous.

6a. Consideration of Chapter 2.38 ordinances: Discussion ensued on logistics of the recent reorganization initiated by the First Selectman—e.g., whether a new department was created, how the IT budget would be handled. Director Allen explained that IT staff had been hired as additional personnel within the Finance department; the IT budget would remain separate, but under her management; and the duties and functions of the former IT Committee were covered under the new staff's job descriptions and policies. Discussion followed on the need, for transparency and precedence within the ordinances regarding departmental duties, to also document the reorganization within the Finance ordinances.

Motion by Driscoll, second by Dembek, to delete the text of Chapter 2.38 and substitute a footnote explaining that the Information Technology Committee was disbanded and its functions are now the responsibility of IT-dedicated staff within Finance. Voice vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Driscoll, second by Dembek, to revise the Duties section of the Chapter 2.12-Finance Department ordinances by adding to the first sentence in Section 2.12.020 (A) the words "and information technology" so that it will read "The department of finance shall manage the centralized financial and information technology functions of the town." Voice vote: Unanimous.

6b. Consideration of Chapter 2.42 ordinances: Discussion on whether the other members also withdrew from the Greenway Commission, since the state no longer plans to extend Route 11. Attorney Kepple will confirm the other towns' actions, so we can document termination of the Commission in the ordinances.

Motion by Driscoll, second by Muckle, to delete the text of Chapter 2.42 and substitute a footnote explaining termination of the Commission by the member towns' withdrawal. Voice vote: Unanimous.

7. Adjournment: Discussion and consensus to tentatively schedule a public hearing, followed by a committee meeting, on all three ordinance revisions Monday, Aug. 8, contingent upon timing of the legal ad/public notice.

Motion by Dembek, second by Driscoll, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Voice vote: Unanimous.

Submitted by
Susan Driscoll (L&A)

encl: Chptr 2.38 revisions Draft 1
Chptr 2.12 revisions Draft 1
Chptr 2.42 revisions Draft 1

Chapter 2.42 - ROUTE 11 GREENWAY AUTHORITY COMMISSION^[1]

Footnote:

— (1) —

Editor's note — An ordinance adopted XXXX XX, 2022, repealed the former Ch. 2.42, §§ 2.42.020 – 2.42.070, to reflect the termination of the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission under Public Act 00-148 §40(D) subsequent to the withdrawal of the four member towns (Waterford, East Lyme, Salem, Montville).

~~2.42.020—Establishment.~~

~~Pursuant to Public Act 00-148 the Town of Waterford establishes a Route 11 Greenway authority commission. This chapter shall take effect at such time as the towns of East Lyme, Salem and Montville shall have adopted the ordinance required by said Act.~~

~~{R.T.M. 10-2-00 (part)}.~~

~~2.42.020—Membership.~~

~~Membership of the commission shall consist of the commissioner of environmental protection, or said commissioner's designee, the commissioner of transportation, or said commissioner's designee, a member and alternate member from each of the towns of East Lyme, Montville, Salem and Waterford, appointed by the first selectman of each of said towns, and a member and alternate member of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments appointed by said agency. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. No appointed member shall receive any compensation for service on said commission.~~

~~{R.T.M. 10-2-00 (part)}.~~

~~2.42.030—Membership—Term.~~

~~Each member shall serve for a term of two years, from the date when the last of the four towns has adopted such ordinance, and until such member's successor is appointed and has qualified.~~

~~{R.T.M. 10-2-00 (part)}.~~

~~2.42.040—Alternate members~~

~~The alternate member shall be empowered to vote on said commission in the absence of the member for whom such person is an alternate.~~

~~{R.T.M. 10-2-00 (part)}.~~

~~2.42.050—Duties—Responsibilities.~~

~~The commissioner of environmental protection and the commissioner of transportation, not later than sixty days after the effective date of this act, shall call a meeting of said commission which shall, within ninety days thereafter:~~

- ~~1. Hold public hearings for the purpose of developing standards for:~~
 - ~~a. Defining the initial boundaries of the Route 11 Greenway,~~

- ~~b. Planning the design, construction, maintenance and management of the Route 11 Greenway trail system and intermodal transportation access system,~~
 - ~~c. Identifying and prioritizing lands that should be added to the Route 11 Greenway,~~
 - ~~d. recommending land use within the Route 11 Greenway, and~~
 - ~~e. Acquiring land and securing conservation easements for the Route 11 Greenway, except that nothing in Public Act 00-148 shall be construed to prohibit the acquisition of land within the Route 11 Greenway by the Town of Waterford; and~~
- ~~2. Establish by laws by which the commission shall:~~
- ~~a. Conduct its meetings, including a provision specifying that no action by the commission shall be effective except by the concurring vote of at least four members,~~
 - ~~b. Protect and preserve the lands under its custody,~~
 - ~~c. Supervise staff,~~
 - ~~d. Maintain its records, and~~
 - ~~e. Report to the General Assembly, on or before February 15th, annually, on its activities of the previous year and its finances.~~

~~{R.T.M. 10-2-00 (part)}.~~

~~2.42.060—Authority.~~

~~The commission may:~~

- ~~1. Acquire or convey by purchase, gift, lease, devise, exchange or otherwise, any land or interest therein including, but no limited to, conservation easements, located wholly or partly in the conservation zone, provided such acquisition does not utilize funds furnished by the state;~~
- ~~2. Transfer, with the approval of the commissioner of transportation, any land or interest therein to the state with or without consideration, provided any funds received therefor shall not be deemed funds furnished by the state for the purpose of this section, and~~
- ~~3. Contribute or transfer funds to, and enter into agreements with, land trusts or other organizations, to carry out the purposes of this act.~~

~~{R.T.M. 10-2-00 (part)}.~~

~~2.42.070—Termination.~~

~~The existence of the commission shall terminate at such time as all of its member towns have withdrawn or it is abolished by the General Assembly.~~

~~{R.T.M. 10-2-00 (part)}.~~

{R.T.M. XX-XX-22}

Chapter 2.38 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE^[1]

Footnote:

— (1) —

Editor's note — An ordinance adopted XXXX XX, 2022, repealed the former Ch. 2.38, §§ 2.38.010 – 2.38.060, and amended Ch. 2.12, §2.12.020(A), to reflect the disbanding of the Information Technology Committee and the assumption of its prescribed duties and functions by staff in the reorganized Finance Department.

~~2.38.010—Establishment and purpose.~~

- ~~A. The information technology committee is established to implement Waterford's strategic technology plan as it may be amended through:~~
- ~~1. Review of all computer hardware and software, including associated networks and applications;~~
 - ~~2. Submission of budgetary requests for appropriations for purchasing computer hardware and software, including associated networks and applications, for the Town of Waterford and with technology recommendations to the Waterford board of education as appropriate.~~
- ~~B. The committee shall use the following criteria in reviewing and requesting appropriations for computer hardware and software including associated networks and applications:~~
- ~~1. Conformance with established town standards;~~
 - ~~2. Compatibility with current Waterford technology;~~
 - ~~3. Usefulness to other town departments;~~
 - ~~4. Overall consistency with Waterford's strategic technology plan as it may be amended.~~

~~(R.T.M. 12-6-99 (part))~~

~~2.38.020—Duties of the information technology committee.~~

~~Duties and responsibilities shall pertain to all Waterford boards, agencies, commissions and departments except that for the board of education such responsibilities will be limited to reviews and recommendations on administrative technology (not classroom equipment and applications) and shall exclude requirements for committee approval of any proposed board of education technology purchases or projects:~~

- ~~A. Implementation of the Town of Waterford strategic technology plan;~~
- ~~B. Establishment and amendment of computer hardware and software specifications to define software applications, operating systems, networks, and other system components upon which all departments will be standardized;~~

- ~~C. Review and approval of all technology related requests and preparation and submission of appropriation requests for all technology related projects and/or activities for Waterford boards, agencies and commissions;~~
- ~~D. Establishment of policies for appropriate use of computers, the internet, and security;~~
- ~~E. Establishment of personnel training requirements and procedures;~~
- ~~F. Guidance to the committee's technical support personnel and/or authorized vendors in the execution of committee duties and responsibilities;~~
- ~~G. Monitoring of evolving information technology and new applications that may have value to the Town of Waterford and amendment of the Town of Waterford Strategic Technology Plan and associated technological specifications as warranted;~~
- ~~H. Establishment of appropriate procedural documents for submission by departments when requesting technology projects and/or purchases.~~

~~(R.T.M. 12-6-99 (part))~~

~~2.38.030 Duties of town boards, agencies, commissions and departments.~~

~~Duties and responsibilities shall pertain to all Waterford boards, agencies, commissions, and departments except for the board of education where such responsibilities are advisory only and restricted to administrative use of technology (not classroom equipment and applications) and shall exclude requirements for committee approval of, and submission of budgetary requests for, proposed board of education technology plans or purchases:~~

- ~~A. Conformance to the Town of Waterford Strategic Technology Plan, any amendments to the plan, and all standards and specifications established;~~
- ~~B. Submission to the information technology committee for review and approval of all technology related project and budgetary requests;~~
- ~~C. Submission to the information technology committee of all necessary documentation for inclusion in the committee's appropriation requests.~~

~~(R.T.M. 12-6-99 (part))~~

~~2.38.040 Membership.~~

- ~~A. The information technology committee shall consist of the following members appointed by their respective boards, agencies or commissions:~~

- ~~1. Board of selectmen (one);~~
- ~~2. Board of finance (one);~~
- ~~3. Board of education (one);~~
- ~~4. Representative town meeting (two).~~

~~B. The information technology committee shall also include the following members or their designees:~~

- ~~_____ 1. Assessor;~~
- ~~_____ 2. Chief engineer, utilities commission;~~
- ~~_____ 3. Communications supervisor;~~
- ~~_____ 4. Director of finance;~~
- ~~_____ 5. Director of public works;~~
- ~~_____ 6. Director of recreation and parks;~~
- ~~_____ 7. Library director;~~
- ~~_____ 8. Planning director;~~
- ~~_____ 9. Police chief;~~
- ~~_____ 10. Tax collector;~~
- ~~_____ 11. Town clerk;~~
- ~~_____ 12. Superintendent of schools;~~
- ~~_____ 13. Director of fire services;~~
- ~~_____ 14. Other members deemed appropriate by the information technology committee.~~

~~{R.T.M. 12-6-99 (part)}~~

~~{Amend. of 6-6-11(5)}~~

~~2.38.050 Operating procedures and quorum.~~

~~The information technology committee shall establish internal operating procedures and guidelines including but not limited to committee structure and recordkeeping, quorum for conduct of business, meeting dates and times, etc.~~

~~{R.T.M. 12-6-99 (part)}~~

~~2.38.060—Appeal from committee action.~~

~~Any town board, agency or commission may appeal to the representative town meeting when it is alleged that any decision of the information technology committee has been arbitrary, inconsistent or otherwise against the best interests of the Town of Waterford. The appeal shall be filed with the town clerk and considered at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the representative town meeting, or sooner if so determined by the moderator. Both the committee and the board, agency or commission shall be given an opportunity to be heard, and the majority decision of the representative town meeting to uphold or reject the appeal shall be final.~~

~~(R.T.M. 12-6-99 (part))~~

(R.T.M. XX-XX-22)

Chapter 2.12 - FINANCE DEPARTMENT^[1]

Footnote:

— (1) —

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2.12.010 - Created.

In accordance with Sections 5.15, 5.15.1 and 5.15.2 of the charter of the town, there shall be a department of finance which shall be managed by a director of finance appointed by the board of selectmen.

(Prior code § 2-160)

2.12.020 - Duties.

- A. The department of finance shall manage the centralized financial and information technology functions of the town. Duties of the department shall include the processing and recording of financial transactions (payroll, receipts, disbursements, accounting, records maintenance) and such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the first selectman.
- B. The director of finance shall perform his/her duties in accordance with the job description and as approved by the board of selectmen and under the administrative supervision of the first selectman. The director of finance shall provide financial management advice and recommendations to the policymaking bodies of the town. He/she shall provide budget preparation assistance to all departments. He/she shall provide all services requested by the town treasurer whose authority and responsibilities are defined in Section 7-80 of the Connecticut General Statutes Annotated. He/she shall serve as clerk and treasurer to the retirement commission of the town and provide such services as are required by that commission.

(Prior code § 2-161)

(R.T.M. XX-XX-22 (part))