

SB-2 Study Committee Meeting Minutes For: August 4, 2025

Attendees:

Colin Beasely
Laura Davis
Debbie Stanley

The meeting started at 10:05 AM

Minutes for the July 16th meeting were approved.

The committee reviewed the action items of past meetings. The question about HB 475 and scheduling time with the chair of the Budget Committee remains open. Regarding HB 475, Lynn Lewis did share information from NHMA that HB 475 changes were vetoed by the Governor, but the question of an SB2 ballot having a separate question about wages should the operating budget not pass (thereby accepting the default budget) remains important. Debbie indicated she would circle back with her contact in Deerfield who had raised the HB 475 concern. Regarding the Budget Committee chair discussion, we are still waiting for a scheduled Budget Committee meeting when a chair will be elected.

There was a discussion on the committee's desire to meet with selected staff/elected officials; the proposed August 1st meeting was not scheduled given the exchange with Will Kidder and the fact that it was Hospital Days weekend. Colin reviewed the exchange he had with Will Kidder that resulted in a change in approach. Before meeting with folks independently, Will requested the committee to meet with him, the Moderator, and the Supervisors of the Checklist. That meeting is currently scheduled for August 27th at 10 AM at the Syd Crook Room/Academy Building. Future meetings will depend on the outcome of that meeting so the action item for staff meetings will remain open.

Other action items are now closed.

The committee reviewed the spreadsheet documenting the research/interviews with other towns and agreed they would study the information to determine the "so what" of the data and whether any correlations or conclusions can be drawn from the analysis. This will be discussed when deciding what to capture in the final presentation.

The committee then went through the draft presentation, highlighting the pages that need each committee member's input, and discussing items that could be deleted (e.g., recommendation page) or added (e.g., a page outlining whether specific job functions are impacted if the town were to adopt a SB2 form of government).

The meeting ended at 12:00 PM.

Action Items:

From July 2nd Meeting:

Colin to contact Lynn Lewis regarding HB 475. **OPEN**

Action Items From July 16 Meeting:

Colin to monitor Budget Committee calendar and schedule interview with elected Budget Committee Chair. **OPEN**

Colin to reserve room for meetings on August 1st, 4th and 27th. **CLOSED**

Colin to coordinate interviews with selected Town staff on August 1st (30 minutes each) and distribute some info in advance of those sessions. **OPEN with change:** Per above, august 1st meeting did not occur; future meetings with individuals will depend on outcome of group meeting with Will Kidder, Moderator and Supervisors of the Checklist.

New Action Items From August 4, Meeting:

Debbie to review HB 475 issue with her contact in Deerfield.