

COMMITTEE ON TOWN ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE
MINUTES

MEETING – APRIL 28, 2014 7:00 P.M.

TOWN HALL, FOURTH FLOOR, RM 408

AGENDA: DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 10 – ESTABLISHMENT OF DIVERSITY,
INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT.

PRESENT: Chair Jean Berg, Marty Rosenthal, Robert Stein, Donna Kalikow, Richard Leary.

ABSENT: Robert Sperber, Michael Robbins

Town Administrator Melvin Kleckner was present and advocated for locating the position associated with Article 10 within the Health and Human Resources Department.

Selectwoman Daly, Chair of the Selectmen’s Diversity Committee explained that a number of Commission members have concerns about coordination with the School Department.

Members of the CTO&S raised the following questions/concerns about the article:

- Hiring of Article 10 position different from the Town Administrator Act of 1985.
- Concerns about language: departments “shall” cooperate,
- Having a Selectmen as a member of Commission
- Conflict with Police Department review.
- Potential to circumvent Town Administrator when Diversity Officer brings case directly to BOS or Town Counsel.
- Potential conflict with Police procedure

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 29th following the Public Hearing on Article 10 at 8pm.

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