

**HAMPDEN
MASSACHUSETTS**



GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting: August 14, 2023; 6:30pm

Attendees:

	Cliff Bombard	X	Keith Pixley
X	Michal Boudreau		Luis Severino
X	Eric Brewer		
X	Donna Hatch		
X	John Matthews		

Minutes 08/14/2023

Dick Patullo, Treasurer

- Job defined by law
- 25 hours job fits the requirement 9 hours for the assistant
- Departments are siloed
- 5 selectmen would be easier to get approvals; Also, would help with the open meeting law
- Appointed positions would get a bigger pool of people, and easier to terminate
- Elected gets the position away from BOS intervention
- Combine Treasurer with Collector now a 40 hour job
- Collector part is a large portion of the job, narrow focus

John Flynn, BOS Chair

- No advantage to a 5 member BOS
- BOS and T/A feels that the T/A needs to be full time, part time not enough needs more time to get things done
- No need for a HR person
- Should consolidate the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Building Department into one area.
- Town House too small, should move to Thornton Burgess
- Tax Collector and Treasurer appointed