

Minutes – February 6, 2013
Ad Hoc Home Rule Study Committee

The Ad Hoc Home Rule Study Committee held a meeting in Conference Room C of the Municipal Building beginning at 7:00 p.m. Members present included: Bill Matthews, Kevin Kearns, Mary Larsen, Bradley Kitlowski, and Nancy Carroll. Chris Cahillane and Geoff Hurd were not present. Commission liaison David Brumfield, and Municipal Manager Steve Feller also attended the meeting.

There were no citizens present to provide citizen comments.

Ms. Larsen moved, and Ms. Carroll seconded to approve the minutes from the January, 9, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee reviewed a memorandum dated January 30, 2013 from Mr. Weis concerning various issues raised at the January meeting. The memorandum included a side-by-side with revisions to Section 401 (Treasurer) and 914 (clarifying the property tax limit.) The memorandum also addressed timing issues with a ballot question that would eliminate an elected office and a detailed history of Charter changes in Mt. Lebanon.

The Committee reviewed the list of proposed recommendations to the Commission. After much discussion, it was decided that these should be presented as “focus areas” that would require further review by the community and discussion with the commission; and that a list of recommendations would be presented later in the review process. There was also discussion concerning the materials to be presented to the Commission in advance of the February 25 meeting. Commissioner Brumfield suggested that the Committee’s public input session later in the spring include an opportunity for interactive comments through the web site and on social media.

The Committee was reminded that their presentation to the Commission would be scheduled for February 25, 2013 beginning at approximately 7:15 p.m. The Committee also tentatively scheduled a meeting for March 13 (Note: this date was subsequently changed to Wednesday, March 6 beginning at 7 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm