



Town of Simsbury

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SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Technology Task Force

Monday, March 4, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Engineering Conference Room, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

Regular Meeting Minutes - Approved

Members Present: Mike Doyle, Bill Rucci, Evan Marks, John Jahne, Liz Peterson, Ray Rosati

Staff Present: Melissa Appleby, Rick Bazzano, Jason Casey

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Doyle at 5:30pm.

1) Minutes of February 4, 2019

This item was tabled.

2) Virtualization Environment – Discussion and Work Plan

The group agreed that this action item will involve identifying the IT department's specific technology needs around storage and virtualization, and making a recommendation on the specific products to move forward with in fiscal year 2020-2021. There was consensus that due to the changing pace of technology, work on this item should start in approximately six months.

3) Study of Shared Services (Town/Board of Education) – Discussion and Work Plan

Mr. Jahne reviewed some research he has conducted this topic. He noted that there are differences between the education and government sectors that can impact shared services, such as favorable pricing for board of education services and products that is not usually available to towns. Mr. Casey noted that West Hartford might be a good example of a shared services department. Mr. Jahne volunteered to lead the work team for this action item.

4) 2016 Blum Shapiro Report

There was consensus that this report should be revisited, and that the recommendations presented in that report should be explored further. Mr. Marks noted that there may be additional action items that emerge from this review. He volunteered to lead this work team.

5) Next Steps/Agenda items for next meeting

Ms. Peterson expressed an interest in evaluating the Town's emergency notification system and making recommendations for improvement.

Mr. Doyle said that he will ask each member of the Technology Task Force to volunteer to participate on the Shared Services or Blum Shapiro Report work team. Each work team will begin working on their respective topics, with updates to be shared at the Task Force's monthly meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Appleby
Deputy Town Manager