

October 28, 2010

A special joint meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton and the Newton Board of Education was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Ricciardo, Mrs. Diglio, Mrs. Le Frois, Mayor Becker, Mr. Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager and Mrs. Lorraine A. Read, Municipal Clerk. Also present were Mrs. Ginny Rafearty, Treasurer, Mr. Rick Straway, DPW Foreman and Ms. Dawn Babcock, CFO. Councilman Elvidge was absent.

Present for the Newton Board of Education were Ed Caffrey, President, Richard Heckman, Nanette Thomas, Jessica Egnor, Ray Morris, John Jackson, Donna Snyder, Business Administrator and Dr. Kenneth Greene, Superintendent.

Mr. Russo gave opening comments and thanked the Newton Board of Education for meeting with the Town Council. He indicated that the State recently created a best practices checklist and one item on the list is to hold a joint meeting with the Board of Education. Mr. Russo recognized the great relationship the Town holds with the Board of Education and felt that the Town could build on it by considering additional opportunities for shared services.

Dr. Ken Greene, Superintendent, also provided opening comments and agreed that the Town and the Board have a great partnership to build on.

Ms. Donna Snyder, Business Administrator, outlined several areas of shared services between the Newton Public Schools and the Town.

Dr. Greene outlined the Board of Education shared service accomplishments for 2009-2010, through the Tri-District Consortium (TDC), the objectives for 2010-2011 as well as the future areas for shared services. Dr. Greene advised that the Tri-District Consortium was created in order to focus on ensuring the achievement of the New Jersey Core Content Standards for all students.

Mr. Russo shared the ideas submitted by the incoming Chief of Police Michael Richards, as well as some additional ideas regarding the possibility of shared services.

After a lengthy discussion, both boards agreed that an annual joint

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meeting of the Town Council and the Newton Board of Education would be helpful in continuing the dialogue as well as continued support of shared services.

Mayor Becker opened the meeting to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mrs. Le Frois and carried, the Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk