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**EXETER WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TOWN FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 13, 2009**

**The initial meeting of the Town Funding Review Committee was held  
at the EWG SHS**

**Library on Thursday August 13, 2009 at 7: 00 p. m.**

**Present and in attendance were:**

**Susan DeSack, EWGRSD School Committee Chairperson**

**School Committee Members Gregory Coutcher, Mark Rafanelli**

**Town Council Members Robert Butler (WG), William Monahan (EX)**

**Community Members Robert Bollengier ( WG), Lee Kissinger ( WG),**

**Paul Kaltschnee (**

**WG ), Jason Whitford ( EX )**

**Community Members Robert Hicks ( EX ) and Sharon Walsh ( EX )**

**were not in**

**attendance.**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Susan DeSack,**

**Chairperson of the**

**Exeter West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee.**

**After the call**

**to order, the Chairperson explained the charge of the committee and  
distributed**

**to all committee members present a copy of Public Laws 1965,**

**Chapter 80 Approving**

**And Ratifying The Agreement Between The Towns of Exeter and West Greenwich Rhode**

**Island \ With Respect To The Formation Of A Regional School District With**

**Amendments Incorporated Therein As Of April 2009 .**

**Thereafter School Committee Chairperson Susan DeSack instructed the committee it**

**should elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Clerk.**

**School Committee Chairperson Susan DeSack left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

**The committee proceeded to elect Mark Rafanelli, Chairperson : Gregory Coutcher, Vice Chairperson : Robert Bollengier, Clerk : the votes for each position were unanimous .**

**Chairperson Mark Rafanelli engaged all committee members in discussion regarding the charge of the committee.**

**Committee Member Butler spoke to the recent votes taken by residents of the Towns**

**of West Greenwich and Exeter at each towns Financial Meeting , regarding the**

**change proposal submitted by the School Committee. West Greenwich approved the**

**one year change: Exeter voted against the one year change. Member Butler**

**commented the committee would need to go forward understanding the sentiment of**

each committee toward changes in funding that would impact local tax dollars.

Committee Member Paul Kaltschnee spoke about this committee engaging in

discussion to focus on proposing changes to the entire charter, as opposed to

just looking at funding issues to support the school district.

( Committee Member Bollengier responded to Member Kaltschnee , stating that the

committee should look to its charging order and that order from the School

Committee deals with issues relating to funding. Any changes proposed for the

charter from this committee should have as the basis for the proposed change a

correlation to funding the school district.

Other discussion ensued on multiple topics, with Chairperson Rafanelli pulling

together the discussion of the evening and asking that all members use time

between this meeting and the next meeting to collect ideas to present to the

committee.

It was agreed that future meetings would be set date certain, with notice to

committee members.

**After discussion had, the committee agreed to meet on Thursday  
September 3, 2009**

**at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Senior High School library**

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**The meeting adjourned by motion / vote at 8: 18 p.m.**

**Robert E. Bollengier**

**Committee Clerk**

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