

In 1991, a group of appointed citizens made up a new Charter Commission and took on the daunting task of updating Kingston's Charter. The effort hadn't been made since 1896 (at the time, Kingston was a PT Mayor/Commission/Council form of government for decades or longer).

In 1993, the City of Kingston acquired its "City Manager Form of Government" passing by an impressive number of votes.

In 1994, with politics at play, the process was reversed within months. The role of Mayor was strengthened to what we now know today (Strong Mayor) and Kingston's new City Manager Form of Government was reversed.

KingstonCitizens.org presents:

A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL FORUM AND DISCUSSION ON CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY MANAGER FORMS OF GOVERNMENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 25th, 2014

Kingston Public Library

55 Franklin Street Kingston, NY 6:00pm – 8:00pm

KingstonCitizens.org will host a public educational forum and discussion on "City Administrator and City Manager Forms of Government" on Tuesday, March 25th at the Kingston Public Library 55 Franklin Street, in Kingston NY from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Panel guests include Meredith Robson, City Administrator of the City of Beacon, NY and Chuck Strome, City Manager of New Rochelle, NY.

Kingston, NY - For the past twenty years, the city of Kingston, NY has what is known as a 'Strong Mayor' form of government, where a mayor is elected into office based on popular vote to manage the city's \$36+ million dollar budget, departments, committees, commissions and an aging citywide infrastructure.

KingstonCitizens.org is pleased to present a public educational forum and discussion on two alternative forms of government titled "City Administrator and City Manager Forms of Government" on **Tuesday, March 25th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm** at the <u>Kingston Public Library</u> located at 55 Franklin Street in Kingston, NY. All are welcome to attend.

Guest panelists include **Meredith Robson**, City Administrator of the City of Beacon and **Chuck Strome**, City Manager of New Rochelle, NY to discuss their roles and relationships with the public and elected officials.

The evening will be co-moderated by **Rebecca Martin**, founder of KingstonCitizens.org and former Executive Director of the Kingston Land Trust and **Jennifer Schwartz Berky**, Principal at Hone Strategic, LLC and the former Deputy Director of Planning at Ulster County.

For more information visit: www.kingstoncitizens.org