

Town of Sharon
Governance Study Committee
Subcommittee for Review of Boards

Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2022, Wednesday, 7:30pm

Location: Zoom

Present: Sarah Monahan, Paul Pietal, Ronald Goodman, Phillip King, David Wluka (7:52pm)

Not present: n/a

Call to Order – 7:33 pm Phillip King

Approve minutes from June 1, 2022 and June 15, 2022 meetings

Motion to approve Minutes from June 1, 2022 meeting – Goodman, 2nd – Monahan. Approve 4-0-0

Motion to approve Minutes from June 15, 2022 meeting – Pietal, 2nd – Pietal. Approve 3-0-1 (Goodman)

Correspondence

None

MAPC discussion with representatives

Mark Fine is present at this subcommittee meeting.

Brian Luther is at other subcommittee meeting this evening.

Per Fine, MAPC can discuss issues/questions with other committees if desired. Does not want to duplicate liaison efforts.

MAPC can look at role of fincom in peer communities using Rob Carver's list of approximately 30 peer communities. He will select approximately 5 to review their by-laws.

Hopkinton has an appropriations committee which includes nominations from different committees.

This is an example of different method from Sharon.

There was no issue with the fincom at our public forum. Most feedback is positive – fincom is the 1 committee that sees everything i.e. various budget, expenditures.

Planning Board – Biggest difference in communities is whether positions are elected or appointed.

Otherwise, most town planning boards have similar roles.

David Wluka 7:52pm

Select Board sizing

Discussion to invite former select board member to our 7/13/22 meeting (former member and committee member to invite follows).

Heitin – Pietal

Powell – Monahan

Tuck – Pietal

N Katz – Wluka

H Katz – Wluka

McGraph - King

Town wide Survey progress

As of 4 days ago, approximately 70 responses of which 60 did not attend the most recent town meeting.

Pietal received DPW email list with 2100 emails.

Melissa Imbaro will send survey link to all groups on town hall distribution.

Discussion to invite community members not currently serving on a board/committee to our 7/27/22 meeting (community member and committee member to invite follows).

Richard Kramer – King

Ben Puritz – Pietal

Judy Crosby – Goodman

Man who attends town meeting who is former bus driver, lives on Bay Road – Goodman

Ben Feinberg - King

Town Meeting Subcommittee

- a. Other forms of government – Some peer communities have a Charter, some don't. Holliston has no charter, by-laws speak to Select Board; Sharon by-laws do not speak to Select Board. Mark Fine does not see a legal committee of volunteers. Most towns rely on outside counsel. Other forms of government TM subcommittee should explore? None
- b. Areas of Exploration – None

Discussion of process for recommendations

Pietal – each subcommittee needs to present pros/cons to full committee which then votes; present pros/cons only, subcommittee does not vote/make recommendations.

King – consider writing a dissenting opinion.

Monahan – what level of support will be the voice of the committee – majority, super majority, unanimous?

Topics not anticipated within 48 hours

None.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm – Next meeting July 13, 2022 7:30pm and July 27, 2022 7:30pm

List of documents used at this meeting: Liaison Assignments and Draft Template for Board/Committee Discussions; WH Notes.