

## SHARON GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 30, 2021

The meeting of the Sharon Governance Study Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Paul Pietal.

### Member attendance

Arguimbau: Present	Carver: Present	Geller: Present	Goodman: Present
Keenan: Present	King: Present	Monahan: Present	Pietal: Present
Rangarajan: Present	Silverleib: Present	Wluka: Present	

### Introductions

Mr. Pietal asked and members responded in taking a few moments to introduce themselves, whether they have served or currently serve on other Boards/Committees/Commissions and explain a little about their interests of the work of the Governance Study Committee.

### Recommended Reading

Mr. Pietal explained that there were several documents of recommended reading provided to members in the Google drive including the Town's general bylaws, personnel bylaws, Master plan, and charter proposal. There is also a spreadsheet providing links to information on MA open meeting law, public records law, and ethics. Members should familiarize themselves with these documents.

### Areas of Interest – Sub Committees and Prioritization of Topics

The committee discussed the development of sub committees centering around the work of the Select Board's charge including: open or representative town meeting, selection of ATM/ATE dates, number of Select Board members, and home rule petition/charter. Discussions included priority and whether to tackle the Select Board's charge and initiatives in aggregate or to focus more on the "low hanging fruit." It was agreed that the members should take some time to read the information provided.

Mr. Geller had a question about open meeting law and how that pertains sub committees. Ms. Monahan explained that the subcommittee becomes a group unto itself and its own public body. Therefore, they would post their own agenda, prepare minutes, and report back to the Governance Study Committee.

Mr. Pietal recommended that members think about the topics they feel are important so that subcommittees can be established.

### Dates for next meeting

Doodle worked well in selecting the date for this meeting and it was suggested that Doodle continue to be used for availability with future meetings.

### Adjourn

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:54 pm  
(Pietal-Silverleib)

Arguimbau: AYE	Carver: AYE	Geller: AYE	Goodman: AYE
Keenan: AYE	King: AYE	Monahan: AYE	Pietal: AYE
Rangarajan: AYE	Silverleib: AYE	Wluka: AYE	

11-0-0 **PASSES/FAILS**