

SHARON GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 27, 2022

The meeting of the Sharon Governance Study Committee was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chair Paul Pietal.

Member attendance

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

Subcommittee updates

Mr. Keenan provided an update on the warrant hearing which took place on Monday evening. He then explained that the Town Meeting subcommittee met last week. The surveys for Town Meeting have been printed. Mr. Rangarajan worked with the vendor to fit the document on one piece of paper.

Mr. Pietal advised that the Select Board has authorized funding for printing and copying expenses for the survey. So far, expenditures are just under \$300.

Mr. Keenan concluded by mentioning that a guest speaker will attend an upcoming meeting to discuss electronic voting possibilities.

Mr. King advised that the Boards subcommittee spent a good deal of time at their last meeting discussing the survey. They will meet again on May 16.

Liaison updates

Mr. Pietal reached out to Mr. Crosby of the Water Management Advisory Committee and will meet him tomorrow at 3 pm to discuss logistics for an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Arguimbau has not yet heard back from Planning Board as they have been busy with the zoning recodification project for Town Meeting. She will continue trying to arrange a meeting with them.

There was a discussion about perhaps meeting with the Finance Committee again as there are new members who may have additional input. Mr. King has reached out to the Natick Select Board as Natick is in the process of forming a Governance Study Committee. They will discuss more next week about what Natick will study.

Survey discussion

A copy of the survey was shared with the group. Each survey question was discussed and the members commented on the benefit of having the data sought from each question and whether changes should be considered.

It was mentioned that Michelle Shain has experience with surveys. Mr. Goodman offered to connect with her and ask if she may be willing to offer suggestions.

Public hearing update - schedule

Ms. Monahan and Mr. Keenan discussed coordination of the survey process with themed public hearings. The schedule was shared to illustrate potential changes. It was felt that there was a concentration of activity in June. The updated schedule spaces out the public forums throughout the spring and summer. It also closes the survey in July so the data can be compiled and analyzed.

MAPC Update

Mr. Wluka has been the liaison with MAPC and was unable to attend the meeting this evening thus a discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

Website

Mr. Pietal discussed access to the webpage with IT Director, Don Hillegass. The committee has the option to provide important links and disseminate information via the webpage. He explained that the website templates are provided by the vendor, Civic Plus. Mr. Pietal has been provided access and can arrange for another individual to have access if there are any volunteers to manage the webpage. Seeing no interest expressed, Mr. Pietal agreed to take a stab at managing the website. Mr. Hillegass agreed to provide the website traffic at some point.

Select Board meeting update

Mr. Pietal provided an update to the Select Board earlier this evening. As mentioned earlier, they have agreed to provide funding for printing the survey for Town Meeting. There has also only been one application received so far for the vacancy. The applicant does not fit the demographic the committee had mentioned they prefer to broaden the perspective of the group. The vacancy remains open and posted.

Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting.
(King- Geller)

Arguimbau: AYE
Keenan: AYE

Carver: AYE
King: AYE

Geller: AYE
Monahan: AYE

Goodman: Abstain
Pietal: AYE

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Topics not anticipated within 48 hours of posting

The next meeting will be May 11 at 7:30 pm.

Adjourn

Seeing no other business to come before the committee, Mr. Pietal adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.