

SHARON GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 8, 2022

The meeting of the Sharon Governance Study Committee was called to order at 7:35 pm by Vice-Chair Ganesh Rangarajan.

Member attendance

Arguimbau: Present	Carver: Present	Geller: Present	Goodman: Absent
Keenan: Present	King: Present	Monahan: Present	Pietal: Absent (arrived near end)
Rangarajan: Present	Wluka: Present		

Subcommittee updates

Mr. Keenan provided an update on the last meeting of the Town Meeting subcommittee. Mr. Dave Bernstein was their guest. Mr. Bernstein serves as chair of the electronic voting subcommittee in Wayland. Mr. Bernstein advised that electronic voting hasn't affected attendance, but meetings are much quicker. Wayland traditionally has very long meetings. Electronic voting has cut down the time by about three hours, and meetings progress more smoothly.

Mr. King provided an update from the Boards subcommittee. They discussed the survey and reviewed the forum. It was questioned whether the opening of the forum would include framing the discussion at the start.

General updates

Public forum planning

Mr. Carver questioned whether there needs to be clarification of terms with respect to governance and setting some ground rules about the subject matter to be discussed.

Mr. Geller mentioned he had received several calls regarding the public forum, one of which was from a woman who was suspicious of what the committee was doing. He explained that the committee is not making a decision, but rather preparing a recommendation to submit to the Select Board.

Mr. King asked whether the forum would be moderated and mentioned there would be a need for someone to manage the chat feature, and Mr. Wluka volunteered. Mr. Pietal was expecting to give an opening statement, then yield to the chairs of the subcommittees.

The committee further discussed who would keep meeting notes, the time limit imposed by the Community Center, and advertising. Mr. King has posted the invitation on Facebook and an email blast has been sent.

Town Meeting survey comments summary

Mr. Carver provided additional statistical information which he was able to glean in his analysis of the Town meeting survey responses. These were made available to the committee with tonight's meeting materials. Although there was a sense that Town Meeting attendees were regulars, it turns out only $\frac{1}{3}$ responded that they always attend. He remarked that when finalizing the draft of the town-wide survey, from a data analysis perspective, it would be valuable for the town-wide survey to be consistent with the Town Meeting survey.

Town-wide survey update

Mr. Rangarajan explained that the same tool which was used for the Town Meeting paper survey will be used again. There is a web version of the town-wide survey. It has been formatted so that individuals can only take

the survey once. The committee discussed whether paper versions of the survey would be available for those with limited computer or internet access.

MAPC Update

Mr. Wluka explained that an email had been received from MAPC and he shared the content with the committee. MAPC has received all background material. They will review the minutes of past meetings and complete their work within the timeline the committee has developed. Brian and Mark have outreach they'd like to do after the public forum.

Topics not anticipated within 48 hours of posting

None

Adjourn

Seeing no other business to come before the committee, Mr. Pietal adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.