

Town of Sharon
Governance Study Committee
Subcommittee for Review of Boards

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2022, Monday, 8:00pm

Location: Zoom

Present: Sarah Monahan, Paul Pietal, Phillip King

Not present: Ron Goodman, David Wluka

1. Call to Order – 8:00pm Philip King, Chair
2. Approve minutes of February 16, 2022 meeting
 - a. Deferred
3. Review of Correspondence if any
 - a. None received
4. Follow-up to 3/2 committee meeting
 - a. Discussed Town Administrator Turkington's comments to the full Town Governance Board. Mr. Turkington had raised a point of concern with having an inexperienced board when and if the Select Board moved from 3 to 5 and the potential of having more say as part of the appointing authority on filling open seats for other elected boards with an increased number of Select members. Neither concern seemed insurmountable to the members of the subcommittee present.
 - b. More discussion occurred on the possibility of needing a mechanism to remove board members for issues such as non-attendance. Ms Monahan noted a small 3 member Finance Committee in the Berkshires in which one member refused to participate, leaving only a 2 member quorum to handle business.
 - c. The members discussed advantages/disadvantages of moving from 3 to 5 members. One new data point was that 5 members could possibly avail the Select Board of potentially more capability to recruit members for the various boards/committees that they appoint.
 - d. The idea was floated that it could be possible to have a recommendation to the Select Board on the topic of the size of that board in time for a Fall Town Meeting if one were to occur.
5. Natick Governance Committee and potential outreach
 - a. Mr. King noted that Natick has begun a Town Governance effort. It was agreed that we should reach out to that group when it is formed.
6. Guests/Next Steps
 - a. Mr. King mentioned that two additional candidates have taken out papers for the one open Select Board position. Mr. Pietal indicated he would ask the full committee if it was desired to invite the two candidates to a future full committee meeting.
7. Future meeting
 - a. The next subcommittee meeting will be on April 6 at 8:00 pm.
8. Adjourn
 - a. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm

