

Town of Sharon
Governance Study Committee
Subcommittee for Review of Boards

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2021, Thursday, 8:00pm

Location: Zoom

Present: Sarah Monahan, Paul Pietal, Ronald Goodman, David Wluka, Philip King 8:20pm

Not present: n/a

Call to Order – Sarah Monahan, Vice Chair

Discussion of draft minutes 10/14/21 meeting.

David Wluka has asked at MAPC re: grant availability and technical assistance.

Subcommittee members have begun reaching out as liaisons to Town Boards/Committees.

Paul Pietal has inquired of Don Hillegas, town technology person, re: town tech capability to handle (sub)committee surveys. He has also inquired of DPW since DPW sends mailings to town residents. He is waiting for response from Hooper.

General discussion on options to collect data from Sharon residents – survey on social media, web based, paper ballot. Paul Pietal – anonymity is not important; David Wluka – anonymity is important and would like people to be able to put name on or not. Ron Goodman – survey should capture registered voting residents; signing out paper survey at Town Hall would accomplish anonymity and voters. Philip King – google forms is not anonymous; use survey monkey which Paul Pietal is unsure if survey monkey is anonymous. Philip King has concerns related to public records. Ron Goodman and Philip King - obtain survey at Town Hall by showing ID but Town Clerk does not note who person is. No resolution how to collect data.

Paul Pietal showed survey questions he prepared.

Comments shared regarding Elected v. Appointed positions. Philip King did not like Select Board appointing member to fill School Committee vacancy during 2020. David Wluka noted appointments are necessary because we can't have an election every time someone resigns. Finance Committee has a Select Board nominating committee; nominations are voted at Town Meeting. Town Moderator can appoint to certain boards including the personnel board.

Paul Pietal noted that the Finance Committee makes the first warrant motion at Town Meeting. Finance Committee is in a good position to do this as all committees go in front of Fincom re: budgets. Finance Committee was formerly called the Warrant Committee. Should the Finance Committee be renamed?

Discussion of which committees/boards to research. David Wluka suggests "major boards." General consensus to keep at Top 13 boards as outlined on Google Drive.

Next meeting of this subcommittee – November 15, 2021, Monday, 8:00pm. NOTE – Next subcommittee meeting changed to November 16, 2021, 8:00pm. Schedule change made at November 10, 2021 meeting of the Governance Study Committee.

Meeting adjourned 9:14pm.