Town of Sharon Governance Study Committee Subcommittee for Review of Boards

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2022, Monday, 8:00pm

Location: Zoom

Present: Sarah Monahan, Paul Pietal, Ronald Goodman, Phillip King David Wluka 8:32

Not present: n/a

Call to Order – 8:04pm Philip King, Chair

<u>Minutes</u>

David Wluka motion to approve 1/2/22 minutes. Sarah Monahan 2nd. 4-0-0

Correspondence None

Continue discussion on options to collect data from Sharon residents

Monahan reminds us of our charge.

General discussion whether to invite Select Board and/or Select Board candidates to our meeting. King noted Xander Shapiro (on Economic Development Committee), Dan Lewenberg (Chair of Finance Committee), and Kiara Pierre Louis (chair of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee) have pulled papers and expects them to submit with signatures. Pietal will speak to SB chair Heitin about SB attending our meeting.

General discussion of pros/cons of Select Board size, suggestion to have mechanisms to remove member who doesn't attend meetings.

General discussion of asking people why they don't attend Town Meeting – basically happy. 8:32 David Wluka joins – would like to utilize MAPC to assist us.

Ron Goodman asks do we need a larger Select Board or do we need more people in town hall i.e. a stronger administrator? Wluka – yes, Select Board decides; town administrator implements.

The town hired assistant town manager approximately 9 months ago. Few people aware of this. Some discussion about whether we should begin expressing our personal opinions (Pietal) or continue gathering data (Wluka).

Monahan suggests looking to towns that have gone from 3 to 5 Select Board members and hearing how it has worked, pros/cons. Milton is suggested though Milton is a larger population town. Pietal will reach out to Turkington for Milton contact.

MAPC Engagement

We find out in March if we've been accepted.

Future Meetings

Wednesday 2/16/22 8:00pm

Pietal will invite via email Select Board candidates to this meeting.

Topics not anticipated within 48 hours None

<u>Adjourn</u> Meeting adjourned 9:15pm