

Town of Sharon  
Governance Study Committee  
Subcommittee for Review of Boards

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022, Monday, 8:00pm

Location: Zoom

Present: Sarah Monahan, Paul Pietal, Ronald Goodman, Phillip King

Not present: David Wluka

Call to Order – 8:02pm Philip King, Chair

Minutes from April 4, 2022 meeting

Goodman – Motion to approve 4/6/22 minutes as corrected. Pietal 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4-0-0

Goodman – Motion to approve 4/26/22 minutes as corrected. Monahan 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4-0-0

Correspondence

None

MAPC update

Meeting rescheduled from tomorrow 5/17/22.

Request MAPC provide elected official removal options (ex. nonattendance, crime/felony)

Inquire as to where nonresidents have been allowed to vote; duties of Finance Committees in other towns; select boards 3 v 5 people.

Follow up to 5/11/22 full Governance Study Committee meeting

Nothing

Town Survey

Discussion regarding our platform to use (anonymity). Monahan spoke to Secretary of State office – survey is considered anonymous if survey names not collected.

Pietal suggested using a Google form and directing people to it.

Discussion regarding Michelle Shain comments on draft survey and how to “see” her comments.

Boards and committees

Select Board size

Discussion related to process for debating Select Board size and unintended consequences.

Per Pietal conversation with Colleen Tuck who has served Sharon as select board member and on many committees – Tuck adamant to keep Select Board at 3, ability to work outside a meeting. What Tuck sees as strength, many see as negative.

A strength could be found in larger Select Board as there would be more people to recruit for committees.

King spoke to Natick Select Board chair who says a board of 3 isn’t good – too many other committees for select board member to attend. Pietal noted ability to appoint people instead of sitting yourself (Pietal has done this when sitting as committee chair).

Term limits and appointment/election process  
Discuss at next meeting

Timeline and next steps

Consider asking new Select Board member to meet with GSC full committee.

Future Meetings

Full committee meeting – Wednesday 5/25/22 7:30pm

Subcommittee meeting – Tuesday 5/24/22 8:00pm or Wednesday 6/1/22 8:00pm

King will email Subcommittee to finalize next meeting date.

Topics not anticipated within 48 hours

At next meeting discuss Michelle Shain comments on draft survey.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:31pm

List of documents used at this meeting: None.